

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG**



(1) REPORTABLE: YES/NO  
(2) OF INTEREST TO OTHER JUDGES: YES/NO  
(3) REVISED

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**Case number: A272/2015**

**In the matter between:**

**MOKOENA DIMAKATSO**

**Appellant**

**And**

**THE STATE**

**Respondent**

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**JUDGMENT**

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**SATCHWELL J:**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Ms Dimakatso Mokoena pleaded guilty in the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court of possession of and dealing in 3980,1 g of cocaine and was sentenced to serve a term of 18 years which she now appeals.

2. The facts were simple. Ms Mokoena wanted to make money for the benefit of her family; she was promised R 30 000 (thirty thousand rand) if she went to Brazil and imported drugs into South Africa; her suitcases were apprehended at OR Tambo International airport; 3980 grams of cocaine were found inside.
3. Her explanation *ad misericordiam* was the need for her younger brother to attend college and her wish to pay his fees. The learned magistrate explained in great detail the evils of drug trafficking, pointed out that she had not been honest about her onwards ticket to Harare and that the law requires a heavy sentence to be imposed.
4. I can find no misdirection and no reason to interfere.
5. The appeal is dismissed.

**DATED AT JOHANNESBURG 17th MARCH 2016**

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**SATCHWELL J**

I agree.

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**MOKOENA AJ**

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Dates of hearing: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Date of judgment: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016.