## IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

## (NORTH GAUTENG HIGH COURT IN PRETORIA)

A 837/14 7/11/14

DATE: NOVEMBER 2014

In the matter between

**STATE** 

vs

**ANDRE LAUBSCHER** 

CASE NO

1237/11

## **REVIEW JUDGMENT**

## COETZEE, J:

- [1] The accused pleaded not guilty to charges of theft in the Nelspruit Magistrate Court.
- [2] The contract magistrate's contract expired. He failed to attend to the partly heard matter.
- [3] The senior magistrate, Nelspruit, has asked me to make an order setting aside the proceedings in that Court and to issue an order that the matter must start *de novo*.

- [4] In the result I make the following order:
  - The proceedings in the Nelspruit Magistrate's Court in the matter of Sate vs A Laubscher, Nelspruit case no: 1237/11 are set aside.
  - 2. The matter must start de novo

N J COETZEE

JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT

I AGREE:

F G PRELLER

JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT