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JUSTICE DELIVERED IN PORT SHEPSTONE

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The Port Shepstone Magistrate's Court was officially handed over by Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mr Sihle Zikalala to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, Mr Ronald Lamola on the 22nd of February 2024 in Port Shepstone on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast.

On the same day Minister Lamola officially opened the facility. Officials in attendance included the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Mr Sipho Nkosi and KwaZulu-Natal Judge President Thoba Poyo-Dlwati.

Boasting 16 courts comprising of a high court, district court and regional court, the Port Shepstone Magistrate's Court is a state-of-the-art facility. This facility offers great convenience to the justice-seeking public as it also has courts that deal with matters of sexual offence, divorce and family, just to name a

few. Minister Zikalala was proud to officially handover the court as it will provide members of the judiciary, SAPS and prosecution services a conducive environment for them to successfully fulfil their duties. "As Judge President Poyo-Dlwati indicated, by providing such facilities to the people, we are essentially providing them with justice," said Minister Zikalala.

Minister Ronald Lamola was just as pleased to receive this court and have it finally opened. He said the importance of having this court operational is inexplicable because it services approximately 8 police stations, namely Port Shepstone, Port Edward, Margate, Gamalakhe, Paddock, Mehlomnyama, South Coast and Hibberdene police stations. He thanked Minister Zikalala and the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure for making South Africa work as the country's trusted implementing agent.





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