

# Mpisane to stand trial in September

DURBAN – Durban businesswoman Mabongi Flora Junior “Shauwn” Mpisane, who is accused of interfering with a State witness, will stand trial in September.

Magistrate Stanley Gumede set the matter down for trial in the Pinetown Regional Court from September 9 to September 13.

Mpisane, who is known for arriving at court with bodyguards, designer sunglasses and bright, high-heel shoes, has been charged with corruption, defeating the ends of justice and seven counts of fraud. She was initially charged only with corruption and defeating the ends of justice, but yesterday prosecutor Meera Naidu told the court seven charges of fraud had been added.

Mpisane allegedly tried to persuade a State witness to alter evidence in a tax matter for which she

will stand trial in May.

In that matter, Mpisane is accused of having inflated invoices to reduce her tax burden, and of understating the amount of value added tax payable to the SA Revenue Service.

She faces another trial in the Durban Commercial Crimes Court on 53 charges of fraud, forgery, and uttering.

She allegedly submitted forged documents to obtain Construction Industry Development Board gradings, which were then used to win public works department tenders worth R140 million for her close corporation Zikhulise Cleaning Maintenance and Transport CC.

Her appearance in the Commercial Crimes Court last week was preceded by a joint raid by the Hawks and the Asset Forfeiture Unit on February 6. – *Sapa*.

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