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Jackson Babi to appeal bail judgment

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PROPHET Jackson Babi has lodged an appeal against a ruling in which a Magistrate denied him bail, saying that the presiding officer misdirected himself when he made the ruling.

The appeal was scheduled for hearing in the Windhoek High court today, but will only be heard on 23 June 2021.

Babi was arrested on poaching charges and possession of a cellphone while in police custody, as well as bribery.

In his heads of argument, Babi claims that during the bail application, no evidence was provided to show he would interfere with investigations if he is granted bail.



The state is objecting to the granting of bail on the seriousness of the offence, fear of interference with investigations and public interest.

Babi also contended that the fact that there was no public demonstration or public petition against him is grounds for his release on bail.

Babi, in the bribery matter, is accused of attempting to bribe a police officer with N\$13 000.

An usher of his church, one Ananias Ananias was arrested for delivering the money.

He was later released after the Prosecutor General decided she would not prosecute him.

Ananias reportedly did not know what the money was going to be used for.

Investigating officers in the matter said Ananias thought the money was supposed to be payment to one of the lawyers.

Babi, in his heads of argument, however, claims that Ananias had admitted his guilt in court and said that the bribery was in fact his idea.

"Ananias already intended to plead guilty to the offence of bribery way before he knew that the charges would be withdrawn against him," Babi said.

Windhoek Lawyer Mbanga Siyomunji is representing Babi in the appeal, while Seredine Jacobs is representing the State.

Judge Herman January will preside over the matter.



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