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FROM: THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE

**TO: HONOURABLE JUDGES OF THE HIGH
COURT**

REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT

YOUR WORSHIP THE MAGISTRATES

DATE: 01st DECEMBER, 2022

RE: PRACTICE DIRECTIVE 2/2022

1. In view of the sharp upsurge and shocking prevalence in serious cases of robbery with aggravating circumstances involving violence, the use of firearms, explosives, armament or arms of war and

other dangerous weapons resulting in the infliction of grievous bodily harm or the unlawful taking of property and/or the damage to property, all such criminal cases will forthwith be heard by the High Court with effect from 9th December 2022.

2. All part-heard criminal cases of robbery with aggravating circumstances as stated in Paragraph 1 above pending before the Magistrates Court, should be referred to the High Court upon conviction for the appropriate sentence.
3. All fresh criminal cases of robbery with aggravating circumstances as referred in Paragraph 1 above which are pending before the Magistrates Court should forthwith be referred to the office of the Registrar of the High Court for enrolment.


M. C. B. MAPHALALA
HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE



Cc: The Director of Public Prosecutions

The National Commissioner of Police

**The Commissioner General of Correctional
Services**

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