

Lamba must fork out R750 000 to fired worker

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The company of self-proclaimed billionaire Mandla Lamba, which manufactures electric vehicles, Agilitee SA, has been ordered to pay more than R750 000 to a senior employee who was dismissed last year.

The Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA) awarded Agilitee SA's former business development and partnership director Christa Brits an attachment order after she was fired three months into her contract.

Speaking to City Press on Friday, Brits said she had been fired a month before Christmas without any explanation. "It was in November. At that point, I had to take out so many loans [to cover my family's festive expenses]. My credit score was affected [badly] because I was trying to run a business to get some money in."

Brits started working for Agilitee SA in August and was dismissed along with two of her subordinates three months later.

She was supposed to earn R83 333 a month, along with benefits, but Brits told City Press that she never received her full pay or the benefits.

"I never received a company car, like they had promised, I had no medical aid or any company benefits ... I had a good package [on paper], and I should have known that it was all too good to be true.

"But I thought I should hold on [to the job] because it [the company] is such a good initiative," she said.

When she filed an unfair dismissal case, Brits approached trade union Solidarity to represent her at the

Lamba was not present at the hearings, but was represented by the then CEO, Bonisile Roberts. Roberts later informed the CCMA

that she had resigned from Lamba's

The amount claimed by former sales director Siphokazi Sowazi, equivalent to her annual salary, for unfair dismissal

company as well. In her submission for the hearing. Brits said she was informed via an email that her contract of employment would be terminated at the end of last October because the company was closing due to lack of sales.

However, Brits disputed this, stating that she was fired because she had refused to accept a service level agreement - a demotion that would have seen her become a consultant instead of a full-time employee.

In her submission, she also claimed that she was owed R392 803, which included consultation fees for the company before she took up full-time employment and outstanding balances on her salary for August, September and October, her car instalment and insurance, medical aid, shares, and leave pay.

In March this year, CCMA commissioner Thembile Mdali ruled that Brits' dismissal was indeed unfair. Mdali calculated that she was owed R759 839.

Brits said that, four months later, she had still not received a cent of the money awarded to her because Lamba was dodging her and she could not locate his offices to attach his movable property as per the court order.

"He does not have a warehouse. The sheriff has been trying to locate the warehouse but there is none ... They are renting offices and the furniture does not belong to them."

Two of Brits' fired subordinates were also awarded CCMA orders to attach Lamba's properties to recoup their funds. Last week, City Press reported that Agilitee SA sales director Siphokazi Sowazi was allegedly fired by the company a month after she was appointed.

Sowazi said she had been accused of leaking company information to third parties. In letters of demand sent to Lamba, Sowazi is demanding R2.5 million, equivalent to her annual salary, for unfair dismissal.

An Agilitee SA spokesperson, who only identified herself as Thandi, had not responded to questions sent to Lamba by the time of going to print.



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The fiancée of television presenter and former jailbird 'Jub Jub' Maarohanye says he has been cheating on her and using her for money

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seems that controversial TV presenter Molemo "Jub Jub" Maarohanye has been caught in his own behind-thescenes episode of Uyajola 9/9, as his fiancée, Tumi

Mthembu (35), accuses him of being disloyal. Maarohanye is reportedly in another long-term relationship with a woman known as Zenith "Zee" Mia, and is living with her at her home in Johannesburg's upmarket

Eye of Africa golf and residential estate. Talking to City Press on Friday, Mthembu, a senior TV accounts manager, said she had unwittingly been the "other woman" in the rapper's life after dating him for 19 years - she even waited for him while he served his prison sentence.

Mthembu also shared numerous proofs of payment ranging from R2 000 to R50 000, showing that she had been bankrolling the star's flashy lifestyle for years.

"What makes me angry is that I've been here. I've been highly supportive. I've forgiven him for girls like Amanda [du-Pontl, Kelly Khumalo and all the others who I don't even know. I believed that, this time around, he really wanted to grow and do right.

"Even when he was in jail, I was always there. We were always stable. I would visit him with his family. I genuinely love him. The last straw for me was what he did on his birthday. It became clear to me that he never loved me, but he was simply using me," she said.

Mthembu, who has close connections in the media industry, said she was part of a team that had sanitised and rehabilitated Maarohanye's public image in 2017 after he had served just over four years of a 10-year prison sentence for

culpable homicide. "The woman who's known in public as his wife isn't his wife. She's just another one of the women he's currently dating. She doesn't know about me. According to her, she's his main partner and that's what we all think because that's what

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IN THE POUND SEATS The record of a

payment made to Molemo Maarohanye

he wants us to think," she said. "His strategy is that he puts a ring on your finger and says the two of you are engaged. He told me not to post any of our pictures on social media because he didn't want his future wife to be known in the media. So, all this time, I've been thinking that he's with me, but it was just a strategy for him to date both of us."

Maarohanye is the host of popular Moja Love show Uyajola 9/9, which focuses on exposing cheating partners. Mthembu said she had suspected that Maarohanye was dating other women, but her fears came true when a close celebrity friend of his sat her down recently and told her

about the woman with whom he has living. "When I went to his house [before finding out that he was living with another woman], he told me I wasn't allowed to go upstairs. I asked why and he said he was going through a traditional healing process and had been told not to let a woman into his bedroom. I don't know anything about traditional things, so I just let it go," she said.

The rapper proposed to Mthembu with a diamond ring in December, just after allegations of sexual assault were levelled against him by actress Du-Pont and former Metro FM host Masechaba Khumalo.

Jub Jub uyajola 9/9?

Mthembu said she had also found out that he was living with a woman during a video call when she spotted women's underwear in Maarohanve's home.

"He had video-called me a few days before his birthday when he was about to take a shower. [He had his phone with him] and, as we were talking, I noticed pink underwear in the background and I asked him to zoom in on it. I think it hit him that I'd seen it and he said it wasn't underwear, but scrubbing gloves. Then he quickly ended the video call.

"My intuition had been telling me [that something was wrong], but I couldn't pinpoint what was happening. I'd lend him my car and he'd disappear for days, with his phone switched off. Also, the fact that I wasn't allowed to come and sleep over was weird, because he's always been able to sleep over at my house and come and go as he pleased," she said.

Mthembu revealed that she had also supported the star financially: "He doesn't have money. He doesn't have a car. He's broke and he's using women to fund his lifestyle. He always wanted to paint a façade that he was wealthy. The house he's living in belongs to that other woman. I asked him how he came to own a house so soon after being released from prison. He only earns R170 000 from Moja Love and it all

goes towards his debts. I even had to pay for another one of his cars,"

She said she had given him R100 000 on his birthday in June after he had asked for money for a business venture.

"He just said I was going to be proud of him because he was tired of asking me for money. He said he had a shop with which he wanted to surprise me. I deposited the money and then he switched off his phone. The next day, he said his boss had called and told him to come to a photoshoot," said Mthembu.

In screenshots of what are believed to be last text conversations between Maarohanye and Mthembu on his birthday, the star asked her for R100 000, saying he wanted to buy stock for his business.

In another screenshot of a conversation from that day, the couple was arguing because he had cancelled his plans to spend his birthday with Mthembu, saying that his CEO Aubrey Tau had booked him for a photoshoot in another province. In the message, he wrote: "My dad was disappointed in

Aubrey he saw the email. Do you want me to show you? Why would I cancel on you?" He added: "When you have to go work everything stops. Why is it a problem when they send me to work?"

To which Mthembu responded: "I heard a woman's voice [with you] last night and that's why you hung up." By the time of going to print, Maarohanye had not responded to questions sent to him through his publicist at

Moja Love, Nonzwakazi Cekete. Earlier in the week, City Press had asked him about the premiere of the new season of his show and he had said he was excited about its return.

"This time around, if I have to rush to expose a cheating partner [on the show], I'll be using a chopper. I keep hearing people saying that I won't be able to get into estates or gated communities, but, wherever I can land, I'll land, Wait and watch. I don't care about biometrics or boom gates - once I get there, I'll expose your cheating ways. If your partner calls me there, you and I will be having breakfast, lunch or dinner together. It all depends on the time of day," he laughed.



FLITTING IN AND OUT Molemo 'Jub Jub' Maarohanye with his fiancée



Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality

Bid notice and invitation to bid			
No.	Project No.	Project Description.	Closing Date
1.	LLIM473Geohydrology 22/23/024	Provision of Geo hydrological survey, drilling and equipping of borehole at Jane Furse landfill site.	23/08/2022 at 12H00

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Completed and signed tender documents must be sealed in an envelope and marked with the relevant oject number and project description and be deposited in the tender box at Makhud unicipality Offices in Jane Furse before the closing date and time.

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