



THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA SUMMARY – JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL

31 March 2009

STATUS: Immediate

Rudolph v Minister of Safety and Security (380/2008)[2009] ZASCA 39 (31 March 2009)

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The SCA today upheld an appeal by Mr Petrus Johannes Rudolph and Mr Wentzel Laubscher against the dismissal of their claims by the Pretoria High Court for damages against the Minister of Safety and Security and The Minister of Correctional Services.

Mr Rudolph and Laubscher had claimed for damages for alleged unlawful arrests, detention and malicious prosecution arising out of their arrest and detention on 18 July 2003.

Mr Rudolph also claimed for the unlawful arrest and detention on 26 July 2004.

The SCA found that the High Court erred in rejecting their claims and awarded each substantial damages amounting to more than R100 000.