



THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**MEDIA SUMMARY – JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL**

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Ms. Heather Wendy Smith was staying together with the late Mr. Walter Percival Smith (no relationship). They were lovers. Mr. Smith committed suicide. Prior to committing suicide he wrote a 'suicide note' in which he stated that Ms. Smith (his girlfriend) can have a house situated at 688 Kingsway, Athlone Park, Amanzimtoti, Kwa-Zulu Natal and about R 579,000 00 which was in a Plus Plan savings account. Mr. Jeremy Allan Smith, son of the deceased, challenged the validity of the suicide note.

The Supreme Court of Appeal found that the 'suicide note' amends the formal will of the deceased. In terms of the formal will, the deceased left his entire estate to the son, Mr. Jeremy Allan Smith.