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SOUTH AFRICA (CISKEI): Dumisani TABATA, a practising lawyer

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Dumisani Tabata was released uncharged from the custody of the Ciskei police on 13 December 1990 after lawyers acting on his behalf had filed a court application on 11 December for his release. The matter was due to come before the court on 13 December but he was released earlier the same day. He had been arrested on 29 November 1990 but had not been granted access to his lawyers or family. No reasons for his detention were provided. He is reported to have been treated satisfactorily during his period in custody, although conditions in Ciskei prisons are known to be harsh.

No further action is requested. Thank you to all who appealed on his behalf.