

Jailed SA man may be freed

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THE 25-year-old South African who has been held in a crowded Maputo jail for seven months, is likely to be released soon, a senior prisons spokesman in Mozambique told The Citizen last night.

According to the spokesman Mr Grobler, wanted by the South African Police in connection with a dagga investigation, was arrested in Maputo at the end of last year because he had no travel documents.

Mr Grobler has not been charged and is sharing a crowded cell with 35 Black prisoners, most of whom entered the country illegally from South Africa and Rhodesia.

Mr Grobler's mother, who lives in Cape Town was unable to speak for almost 15

minutes when The Citizen told her that her son was alive and well.

"Thank God he's safe," she managed to say through her tears after staring unbelievably into space for minutes.

Only then was she able to tell of the months of agony of the uncertainty.

"It will be so good to be able to sleep for a change, and that I will certainly do tonight with a peaceful mind."

Mrs Grobler said she had been unable to sleep properly for months because of the worry and anxiety about what had happened to her son.

Mr Grobler left Cape Town with Mr Neville Ross, who was recently deported from Botswana after spending several days in jail there, about nine months ago.

