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*Dear Lt Gen Mthombeni,*

**RE: CULPABLE HOMICIDE WONDERBOOMPOORT CAS 16/05/2026:  
DECEASED PHILLIP PETER BEZUIDENHOUT**

1. This letter refers to the matter mentioned above.
2. Video footage of a collision on Steve Biko Road on 3 May 2026 went viral. It showed a maroon Honda Ballade and a highly modified green Austin Mini-type vehicle allegedly taking part in an organised illegal street race.

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3. We act on behalf of Ms Frieda Bezuidenhout, the mother of the deceased, whose son, a passenger, tragically lost his life because of injuries sustained in the abovementioned collision.

## **BACKGROUND**

4. This incident relates to an alleged organised streetcar drag race in Gezina on 3 May 2026 which ended in a fatal collision and was registered under your Wonderboompoort CAS 16/05/2026.
5. The deceased was a passenger in the maroon Honda Ballade, which collided with a Renault Kwid and then a street pole. Our clients were informed that the South African Police Service (SAPS) is investigating a criminal complaint against [REDACTED], the driver of the Renault. The driver of the Honda Ballade has been identified as Willie Momberg.
6. We are concerned that the objectivity of a proficient investigation appears to have been compromised, leading our client to suspect that the investigation is designed to create a narrative that allows the real culprits to evade criminal accountability, rather than to reveal the objective facts, as will be discussed hereunder.

## **CONCERNS**

7. We have learned that this street race on this specific road was not a one-off or exceptional occurrence but rather part of a well-established and organised practice of Sunday drag races that was allowed and seemingly actively supported by members of SAPS. The information and evidence that we will discuss reveals a well-documented, and even arrogant, display of lawlessness on public roads by a group of people linked through a street-racing subculture that is thriving in the north of Pretoria.

8. Our clients are able to provide evidence that supports the allegation that at least one SAPS member, Sergeant Booyse, was not only part of a WhatsApp group in which these races were discussed and arranged but was also in a position to alert participants when to race and when not to. Sergeant Booyse and Constable Smith were also present at the scene after the tragic incident and, ironically, allegedly took charge of the scene in their capacity as a police officers. As will be discussed in more detail *infra*, they must have both witnessed an assault on Mr. ██████████ and failed to act against the perpetrator.
9. It is unclear how they were able to arrive at the scene within minutes of the accident, and our information is that they were part of the spectators on this day. We know that Cst Smith was the first person to open the door of ██████████'s car minutes after the accident, and in the available video footage, Sgt Booyse is also present, dressed in a blue shirt with what seems to be a police badge on the left breast.
10. Sgt Booyse is a member of the HT PERFORMANCE WhatsApp group (WA) in his capacity as a police sergeant and seemingly able to indicate when races should take place or not. This is an inference from a screen capture of discussions by this group.
11. The failure of law enforcement to prevent the practice of holding street races on a public road while other vehicles still have access to that road is not only reprehensible but may also support an argument that law enforcement was complicit in the reckless lawlessness that has yet again claimed a life. Members of the public must be able to use public roads at any time of day without fear that racing vehicles will endanger their safety.
12. We have learnt that, after Smith was informed by a brother of ██████████ that his brother had been assaulted, he allegedly failed to arrest the culprit, who was known to him. Instead, Smith allegedly warned the alleged assailant, known as Hardus de Visser, at the hospital to leave because the victim had failed to take a photograph of his face. It is our

understanding that [REDACTED]'s brother offered to physically point out and identify the assault suspect but was not allowed to do so.

13. Not only should SAPS' complicity be investigated, but so too should possible charges of defeating the ends of justice be investigated.

## **CURRENT INVESTIGATION**

14. It is noteworthy that our client and her family have been inundated with information which, it appears, SAPS is either not privy to or which has escaped the enquiring minds of the detectives tasked with the investigation.
15. We reiterate that it appears that the driver of the Kwid, [REDACTED], has been identified as a suspect in the culpable homicide investigation. In fact, the investigating officer formally identified [REDACTED] as the accused on an insurance report form.
16. Our client has requested that we place certain information before the SAPS investigators for their evaluation and consideration and that it be interrogated and incorporated into the ongoing investigation.
17. It is incomprehensible that the SAPS will not investigate the driver of the maroon Honda Ballade on a charge of murder on the basis of *dolus eventualis*.
18. It is unclear whether the police obtained a statement or collated evidence against the other suspect, namely the driver of the green vehicle involved in the drag race. We have identified the registration number of the vehicle as JK06GT GP. There is an abundance of information on social media about this vehicle and its owner.
19. Since 2022, the driver of this vehicle has extensively documented his street racing activities along Steve Biko Road and in the surrounding neighbourhoods on social media.

He has publicly provided information about when and where the races take place. There is video footage recorded from inside his vehicle taking part in drag races along Steve Biko Road. <https://www.tiktok.com/@thegrinchmini>

20. On the video footage of the afternoon of 3 May 2026 alone, this driver cannot escape a charge of reckless driving.
21. We reiterate that participants in illegal street racing seem unconcerned about law enforcement's interest in their illegal, reckless, and dangerous activities on public roads.

### **SCOPE OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

22. We discuss the available information hereunder and request the investigating officer to consider obtaining the identified evidence. We hold a brief to assist the SAPS in ensuring that the case docket is fully investigated.
23. Although initially informed that the cell phone of the deceased was damaged beyond repair, our client recovered her deceased son's smartphone, which he had with him at the time of the incident. There is a possibility that the deceased may have made recordings and received or sent messages that may add value to the investigation. Cst Smith recovered the phone and handed it over to the deceased's father, according to uncorroborated information.
24. In this regard, SAPS is requested to urgently ensure that the immediately available phone is secured for a forensic examination. Our clients have deliberately not accessed the phone since it was retrieved.
25. It is reliably alleged that the maroon Honda Ballade involved in the collision is not a vehicle that complies with the South African Road Traffic Act, Act 93 of 1996. It is a purpose-

modified vehicle for track racing events and has undergone extensive modifications for racing purposes. This vehicle has been exhibited and exposed in various social media postings that are currently still available. This car was featured on the official Honda SA Facebook page in December 2024. <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HbEeYcgC8/>

26. Our client has photos taken at the Midway Drags Raceway, hours before the fatal incident. The photos depict the maroon Honda Ballade positioned on the starting line and displaying race number 6 in the left rear window. The photo further indicates that the vehicle was actively participating in organised racing events on the day in question.
27. We are instructed that our client has communicated with representatives of Midway Drags Raceway and received confirmation that both the driver, Mr Willie Momberg, and the maroon Honda Ballade participated in racing activities at the circuit earlier that same day of the incident.
28. Of particular significance is the allegation that the vehicle was transported to and from the Midway Drags Raceway on a flatbed truck and not under its own power. This information may be relevant to the investigation as it relates to the vehicle's roadworthiness, suitability for public roads, and any racing modifications that may have been present at the time of the collision.
29. In the circumstances, we respectfully request that consideration be given to obtaining statements and/or affidavits from representatives of Midway Drags Raceway, addressing, *inter alia*:
  - 29.1. The registration and entry details of the maroon Honda Ballade
  - 29.2. The class or category in which the vehicle competed,

- 29.3. The vehicle's participation and performance statistics during the day's events on the day concerned,
- 29.4. The circumstances under which the vehicle arrived at and departed from the racetrack,
- 29.5. Any documentation, photographs, technical records, scrutineering reports, entry forms, indemnities, or other records maintained by the racetrack relating to the vehicle and its driver.
30. We are further instructed that the same vehicle, after returning from Midway Drags Raceway on a flatbed, was allegedly offloaded prior to events that culminated in the fatal collision on Steve Biko Street.
31. Our client is in possession of additional video evidence depicting what appears to be a street race involving the same maroon Honda Ballade at approximately 17h00 on the day of the incident.
32. Our client's daughter received five videos from a resident known to her as [REDACTED], who resides in the same building where she resides and may help to identify and authenticate the video material.
33. According to our client, the Honda was removed from the accident scene by SJ & R Towing Services, of which Mr Stefan Fouche is the owner, and his contact number is [REDACTED]. We were informed that Willie Momberg is an employee of SJ and R Towing.
34. A further matter, which we believe warrants investigation, relates to the consumption of alcohol by the drivers. More notably by the Honda driver prior to the collision.

35. Our instructions are that a witness present at Midway Raceway, Ms [REDACTED], is able to provide evidence concerning the consumption of alcohol by individuals associated with the maroon Honda Ballade prior to their departure from the racetrack. [REDACTED] can be contacted on [REDACTED].
36. In addition, we respectfully request that the investigating officer obtain and examine the complete medical records relating to Mr Willie Momberg from Netcare Moot Hospital following the collision. More specifically, we request that consideration be given to establishing if any blood alcohol analysis, toxicology screening, or related testing was performed upon admission of all those involved who were admitted to the Moot Hospital and that copies of the medical records be obtained.
37. Our client was present at the hospital following the collision and informed us that she was at one stage in close proximity to Mr Willie Momberg, during which she distinctly detected the smell of alcohol on his breath. While our client is not in a position to draw any definitive conclusions regarding his level of intoxication, any independent observations recorded by medical personnel may be relevant to determining his physical and mental condition at the time he was operating the vehicle.
38. We further wish to address the various video recordings depicting the events leading up to the collision:
- 38.1. The video footage, which has circulated on social media, appears to have been recorded for the specific purpose of capturing what was occurring on the roadway immediately prior to the collision. In light thereof, we respectfully enquire whether the investigating team has succeeded in identifying the individual who recorded the footage and, if so, whether a formal statement and affidavit have been obtained.

- 38.2. We further wish to draw attention to additional video evidence obtained from a private business [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Steve Biko Road, Gezina, in the immediate vicinity of the accident scene.
- 38.3. Our instructions are that Ms Claudette du Plessis approached the business shortly after the collision and established that surveillance cameras positioned on the premises had captured the incident from a different angle. We are instructed that she obtained the relevant footage and subsequently made it available to Sgt Booyse of the Wonderboompoort Police Station, who was initially involved with the matter and attended the scene. Our concerns related to Booyse's involvement in this matter have already been discussed.
- 38.4. Kindly confirm whether the footage was formally handed over to the investigating officer.
39. We further request confirmation as to whether the necessary evidential procedures were followed in relation to the acquisition, preservation, and chain of custody of this video evidence. Our concern arises from the fact that, to our knowledge, Ms Claudette du Plessis (the client's daughter) has not been approached to provide a formal affidavit concerning the acquisition of the footage, its source, its preservation, and its subsequent handover to the police.
40. Given the importance of the video evidence, we respectfully suggest that the investigating officer urgently approach the business concerned directly in order to secure the original footage. The owner of the business is Mr. [REDACTED], with the contact number [REDACTED].

41. Although we can only infer that Smith provided an A1 statement in the docket, we confirmed that he and Sgt. Booyse was on the scene. Having discussed Booyse's possible involvement in the WhatsApp group and arrangement for races, we reiterate the importance of his presence at the scene. Was he on duty and called out to the scene, or was he already there? If so, has he provided a statement confirming that the vehicles were involved in a drag race?
42. We further request that the investigating officer obtain an affidavit from Mr Marius Roussouw, who accompanied the deceased to Midway Drags Raceway on the day of the incident. Mr Roussouw is believed to be a material witness who can provide important evidence regarding the events that transpired at Midway Raceway, the activities of the deceased and other participants, the circumstances under which the maroon Honda departed from the venue, and the reasons why the vehicles proceeded to Steve Biko Road. His evidence may assist in establishing the sequence of events leading up to the collision and identifying other individuals who were present.
43. We have through an analysis of social media postings linked Mr Roussouw to SJ and R Towing Services as well as Booyse. He also appears to be closely involved in street car racing and drag events, as evidenced by his social media activity. Rossouw and Momberg also appear to be associated with a vehicle modification company called SliceNation, with both featuring its branding on their vehicles. <https://www.tiktok.com/@marius69743>
44. In addition, our client has received reliable information that Mr [REDACTED], [REDACTED], who resides opposite the Wonderboompoort Police Station, attended the scene of the collision shortly after it occurred. Mr. [REDACTED] possesses photographs and video recordings that depict the accident scene and its aftermath.

44.1. We kindly request that the investigating officer urgently approach Mr [REDACTED], obtain a sworn statement from him, and secure copies of any photographs, videos, or other electronic evidence in his possession for inclusion in the investigation docket.

## **CONCLUSION**

45. We trust that the information made available will contribute to the investigation in a meaningful way in order to establish the objective facts pertaining to the cause of the death of our client's son.

46. We would like to confirm if a collision expert and, if necessary, an engineer have thoroughly investigated both vehicles involved.

47. We submit that a comprehensive mechanical and forensic inspection of the vehicle may be of substantial evidentiary value. Such examination may include, amongst other aspects:

47.1. The nature and extent of racing-related modifications performed on the vehicle;

47.2. The vehicle's roadworthiness at the time of the collision;

47.3. The tyres fitted to the vehicle and whether they were intended primarily for racing or track use;

47.4. The vehicle's mechanical condition;

47.5. Compliance with applicable road traffic legislation and regulations; and

47.6. Any feature, modification, defect, or alteration which may have contributed to the collision or which may indicate that the vehicle was unsuitable for operation on a public roadway

48. We are of the view that the long-established practice of illegal street racing on public roads, especially Steve Biko Road, was made possible by law enforcement's deliberate failure to address the problem and was the direct cause of this and other past fatalities.
49. The knee-jerk reaction to investigate the driver of the Kwid vehicle is a further sleight of hand to avoid dealing with those treated as the "heroes" of street racing.
50. Police Constable Smith's alleged conduct in warning participants and facilitating the viability of these races should be investigated and addressed. Smith's alleged warning to a suspect in an assault matter is a further indictment of both his integrity and that of SAPS.
51. We look forward to your urgent response to this communication and repeat our offer to assist in the proper investigation of this matter.

Yours sincerely



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