

7 July 2026

The Commander
Detective Services
South African Police Service

FISH HOEK

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam

CULPABLE HOMICIDE: FISH HOEK CAS 47/06/2026; DECEASED - DAVID GOLDING.

1. This matter refers to the tragic incident during the night of 15 June 2026 wherein Mr David Golding was killed because of the conduct of an alleged reckless drunk driver.
2. Advocates Nel and Vorster have been briefed to act on behalf of the family of the deceased and do so *pro bono*.
3. Our brief entails monitoring the matter and assisting role players within the criminal justice system to ensure that it is thoroughly investigated and competently prosecuted.
4. In our experience with similar matters, it has become increasingly apparent that investigations and prosecutions of culpable homicide matters are often not afforded the priority they deserve. Delays in obtaining relevant evidence not only prolong the investigation but also create the risk that circumstantial evidence is

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lost and memories fade. Often, this results in matters being struck off the role or not prosecuted at all.

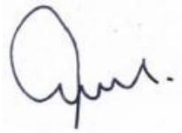
5. In this matter, we have reason to compliment the investigators at Fish Hoek CID and particularly Warrant Officer Groenewald for her proficiency and courteous engagement with our clients.
6. Our clients' and our interest in ensuring that this matter is prosecuted will not wane, and we implore your office to ensure the investigation is finalised as soon as possible. Our brief extends to ensuring that the matter is prosecuted without fear, favour or prejudice.
7. We have referred to our client's engagement with WO Groenewald and summarise the outstanding evidence hereunder.
8. We understand that no blood alcohol samples were taken, nor any tests conducted, on Mr Richie Tinsley ("Tinsley"), who, on our understanding, caused the accident that led to the death of Mr Golding. Our clients have consulted with several people who would be able to testify that Tinsley was not sober and was, in fact, quite inebriated. These people include:
 - 8.1. Bartenders Mr [REDACTED] and a woman identified as [REDACTED] who served Tinsley at Charlie's Garage Craft Brewery.
 - 8.2. Mr [REDACTED] the owner of Charlie's Garage, retrieved the point-of-sale information for the afternoon of 15 June 2026 and will

confirm that Tinsley paid for two 500ml beers on tap and bought six 330ml cans as takeaways when the facility closed.

- 8.3. Tinsley frequented more than one bar on the night in question, and Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] a certain person identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED], as well as Mr [REDACTED], will be able to provide evidence about Tinsley's state of sobriety at The Toad, another pub.
9. We accept that the investigator has consulted with the emergency and hospital personnel who treated Tinsley. If not, we are confident that they may also provide an opinion on his state of sobriety.
10. Our clients made available the details of the independent investigator appointed by the car rental company, who investigated the matter and provided a report. This report is certainly relevant to the reconstruction of the accident.
11. The evidence of Ms [REDACTED] and Mr [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who spent the evening with Mr Golding, is relevant not only to establish his state of sobriety but also the direction in which he would have been travelling along Ou Kaapse Weg.
12. As indicated, our client's interest in this matter will not wane, and, as we are instructed to monitor the prosecution, we kindly request to be informed when the matter is referred to the National Prosecuting Authority for a decision.
13. We reiterate our brief to co-operate with the investigators and invite any enquiries or requests for assistance.

14. We are eager to ensure justice and closure for the bereaved family. However, having had access to Tinsley's Facebook page and having been informed of his reputation, it is important that this matter be fully investigated, as it is the SAPS' duty to society to deal with unlawfully inebriated drivers and thereby protect other innocent road users from a similar fate.

Yours sincerely



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