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Dear Sir / Madam,

**COMPLAINT AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE: ALLEGED
VICTIMIZATION: MEMBERS FROM DIVISION DETECTIVE AND FORENSIC SERVICES.**

1. Following a request for assistance, we have consulted with various members attached to the SAPS Forensic Services.

2. Consequently, Advocates Nel and Vorster have been formally briefed by Mr Setlaboswana Edwin Malatjie, a former member of SAPS, to act on behalf of himself and other members of SAPS.
3. We act *pro bono* and have a specific mandate to address the seemingly deliberate failure by the SAPS to implement the recommendations of not only the report drafted and presented to SAPS by CPN Forensic Services (CPN) but also the recommendations included in the report by Maj-Genl Hankel dated 7 November 2025.
4. We will not discuss the specifics of the complaints and allegations that formed the basis of the above-mentioned reports. Still, we stand aghast at the failure to implement them and the apparent disinterest shown by SAPS Top management in dealing with these serious allegations.
5. These allegations are not new and have been discussed with numerous National Commissioners of SAPS and were even discussed and presented to the Parliamentary Ad hoc Committee investigating Lieutenant General Mkhwanazi's allegations. We have been informed that the members had a meeting with Major General Matlou, Executive Manager in the office of the Acting National Commissioner Lieutenant General Dimpane, on 12 June 2026 who undertook to brief the Acting National Commissioner Lieutenant General Dimpane and revert to them with feedback. No feedback has been provided to date.
6. We have become accustomed to government departments' sleight of hand: appointing, mostly, Independent forensic investigators to investigate allegations of impropriety, only to ignore and hide the findings later. We describe this as the ostrich head-in-the-

sand escape, because it provides a false sense of management's commitment to act against allegations of impropriety.

7. This conduct should be investigated and reported as wasteful expenditure, which in this case is exacerbated by the fact that the CPN report seems impossible to locate at SAPS Head Office.
8. We were privy to a copy of Maj-Genl Hankel's comprehensive report dated 7 November 2025. The commissioning of this report, however detailed and insightful, seems to be yet another sleight of hand to prevent any question about the failure to implement the CPN report.
9. It is made more evident by the failure to implement Maj-Genl Hankel's recommendations.
10. We were flabbergasted that Maj-Genl Hankel was unable to locate or access the CPN report. The Maj-Genl's explanation of his efforts to locate the CPN report within the SAPS structures can best be described as attempts by various individuals and officials to engage in see-no-evil, hear-no-evil denials.
11. We submit that management's failure to implement the recommendations of the CPN and Maj Genl Hankel Reports is a serious dereliction of duty.
12. We have noted the counter-allegations and recommendations against the aggrieved members but implore Police management to stem the flood of negative perceptions flowing from the Madlanga Commission by doing their duty.
13. The circumstances leading to ours representing former member and members of SAPS can only be understood against the backdrop of Police Management's

concealment of the CPN report and its deliberate failure to act on the allegations investigated and reported by CPN Forensic Services and Maj Genl Hankel.

14. Our request is fairly uncomplicated. Please inform our clients of the status or progress of implementing the CPN and Maj Genl Hankel recommendations.

15. Not only have we been advised that the failure to give effect to the clear findings of the abovementioned reports is causing our clients psychological harm, but society has a right to trust the SAPS to take corrective action to address the serious allegations investigated and to implement the findings made in the reports.

16. We await your response.

Yours sincerely



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