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[EMAIL 2 OF 4] Re: Complaint - Reporting Systemic Corruption in the South African Police Service Batch. 18 April 2023**From** Darren de Rodez Benavent Russell <darrenrussell10@outlook.com>**Date** Tue 06 Aug 2024 13:40**To** DNTlatseng@ipid.gov.co.za <DNTlatseng@ipid.gov.co.za>; TMakoloane@ipid.gov.co.za <TMakoloane@ipid.gov.co.za>; PSetshedi@ipid.gov.co.za <PSetshedi@ipid.gov.co.za>; MMolope@ipid.gov.co.za <MMolope@ipid.gov.co.za>; Tefelakae@ipid.gov.co.za <Tefelakae@ipid.gov.co.za>; NNetsianda@ipid.gov.co.za <NNetsianda@ipid.gov.co.za>; SRamafoko@ipid.gov.co.za <SRamafoko@ipid.gov.co.za>; LSuping@ipid.gov.co.za <LSuping@ipid.gov.co.za>; MMoeti@ipid.gov.co.za <MMoeti@ipid.gov.co.za>; tmahibila@ipid.gov.co.za <tmahibila@ipid.gov.co.za>; Alan.winde@westerncape.gov.za <Alan.winde@westerncape.gov.za>; tmahibila@ipid.gov.za <tmahibila@ipid.gov.za>; LSuping@ipid.gov.za <LSuping@ipid.gov.za>**Cc** 'The Truth South Africa' <thetruthsuidafrika@gmail.com>; The_international_stringer <the_international_stringer@proton.me>

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SAPS AND STATE CORRUPTION AND CRIMINALITY. PART 1 [Updated July 2024] Compressed.pdf;

[EMAIL 2 OF 4. SAPS & SATE CORRUPTION AND CRIMINALITY]**From:** Darren de Rodez Benavent Russell <darrenrussell10@outlook.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, 06 August 2024 13:20**To:** DNTlatseng@ipid.gov.co.za <DNTlatseng@ipid.gov.co.za>; TMakoloane@ipid.gov.co.za <TMakoloane@ipid.gov.co.za>; PSetshedi@ipid.gov.co.za <PSetshedi@ipid.gov.co.za>; MMolope@ipid.gov.co.za <MMolope@ipid.gov.co.za>; Tefelakae@ipid.gov.co.za <Tefelakae@ipid.gov.co.za>; NNetsianda@ipid.gov.co.za <NNetsianda@ipid.gov.co.za>; SRamafoko@ipid.gov.co.za <SRamafoko@ipid.gov.co.za>; LSuping@ipid.gov.co.za <LSuping@ipid.gov.co.za>; MMoeti@ipid.gov.co.za <MMoeti@ipid.gov.co.za>; tmahibila@ipid.gov.co.za <tmahibila@ipid.gov.co.za>; Alan.winde@westerncape.gov.za <Alan.winde@westerncape.gov.za>; tmahibila@ipid.gov.za <tmahibila@ipid.gov.za>; LSuping@ipid.gov.za <LSuping@ipid.gov.za>**Cc:** Darren de Rodez Benavent Russell <darrenrussell10@outlook.com>; 'The Truth South Africa' <thetruthsuidafrika@gmail.com>; The_international_stringer <the_international_stringer@proton.me>**Subject:** Re: Complaint - Reporting Systemic Corruption in the South African Police Service Batch. 18 April 2023 [EMAIL 1 OF 4]

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6 August 2024

Ref: IPID.CORR.013.12723.

Dear Ms Mahibila,

Re: Reporting Of Serious Corruption and Criminality Within SAPS. Reported April 2023

I hope you are well

We first reported the various matters on **18 April 2022**, then again on **26 April 2022** when we submitted the completed IPID form for filing complaints. I chased the investigation as well as supplied additional information on a dozen occasions since including **28 April 2022, 2 May 2022, 19 June 2022, 2 July 2022, 24 August 2022, 28 August 2022, 12 December 2022**, and then pretty much quarterly since. **Including several through the year to the office of the Executive Director Ms Jennifer Ntlatseng**, although we are unsure if these were passed on.

We have not received a reply to any of the twenty or more emails sent.

As such, please find attached:

DOCUMENT 1**Letter to IPID**Index document with links to the various evidence folders
Excerpt of the main summary document "Introduction"**DOCUMENT 2**

Summary of the R200 million Campaign of Criminality and Corruption

I would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt and confirmation that the formal complaint logged will be investigated

Kind regards

Darren

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- Index And Links. Schedule Of Folders And Files
- Excerpt from the summary "Chapter 1. Introduction to the Campaign
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- Summary Of The R200 Million Campaign (Text Only)

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EMAIL 3 OF 4. SCHEDULE OF A SELECTION OF FILES AND FOLDERS 25MB

- Schedule Of Folders And Files
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- Attacks During The Campaign By SAPS, Wouter de Swardt And His Client [Inc Rental Payments]
- Cases Created Sighted And Used By Wouter de Swardt And SAPS. Wouter de Swardt Dossier. Post December Arrest Dossier.
- Creating Victims. The Intended Numbers. Wouter de Swardt & SAPS Dossier. Post December Arrest Dossier.
- Criminal Cases Created By Wouter de Swardt, His Clients And SAPS. Wouter de Swardt Dossier. Post December Arrest Dossier.
- Criminal Defamation & Defamation. Wouter de Swardt Dossier. Post December Arrest Dossier.
- Defamation And Criminal Defamation. News24 Medi24 Files Merged. Their Refusal To Engage
- Report Into The False Affidavit Sergeant Stevens Drafted On 24 April 2023
- The Abhorrent Post Arrest Plan To Create Victims. SAPS Wouter de Swardt His Clients. Chapter 3
- The Man His Methods And His Criminality. Wouter De Swardt (Wouter de Swardt) Of Fox Forensics And SAPS
- The Real Victims, Villains, Winners, & Losers. Chapter 11. Wouter de Swardt, SAPS
- Timeline 2020 To 2023. A Chronology Of The Campaign By SAPS, Wouter de Swardt And His Clients
- Timelines Of The Principal Attacks
- Timing And Instruction Of The December Arrest
- Transcript Of Housekeeper Conversation From April 2023
- Transcript Of July Conversation With The Housekeeper Of 16 Leirmans About The December Arrest
- Transcript Of Phone Conversation With Chandre Abrahams Portfolio Manager
- Victims Created [Guests Turned Into Victims] By Wouter de Swardt, SAPS. Wouter de Swardt Dossier. Post December Arrest Dossier.
- Wouter de Swardt Attacks On The Platforms And Guests. Wouter de Swardt Dossier. Post December Arrest Dossier.

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- Summary Of The R200 Million Campaign (Graphical Only. Images, charts, graphs, tables and data)

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Subject: RE: Complaint - Reporting Systemic Corruption in the South African Police Service Batch 1

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Dear Ms Jennifer Ntatseng

Re: Reporting Serious Criminality and Corruption in the South African Police Service

Re: Netflix documentary series; documentary investigating the campaign against Mr Russell,

I hope you are well.

I wondered if you could help with a follow up enquiry, please. We reported serious criminality and corruption in the South African Police Service on the 18th of April 2023

We followed that up by completing the online form on the 24th of April and sent in further evidence over the weeks following. As well as providing links to the folders holding some of the evidence, including items No.1 to No.385.

We appreciate how busy IPID are and have therefore not constantly chased. However, the matter has become progressively more urgent and the conduct of those involved progressively more sinister and illegal.

We have not yet received a reference number, or a call to discuss the matter and would like to enquire whether an investigation has started and if not when it will

Whilst writing, we have also been asked by Netflix to establish whether IPID would be happy to put forward a spokesperson or someone whom the journalists writing the documentary can contact to interview. We have the third full day interview in a series of full day interviews that will be woven into the documentary and the director / producer is looking to widen the circle of those being interviewed for the documentary. As corruption has been a key component in the campaign and as the use and abuse of SAPS by these private individuals and their representative Mr de Swardt has proved to be extremely successful it will be important to have contributions from those charged with investigating such

Returning to the issues at hand, can we please draw your urgent attention to the paragraphs below on the conduct of the Private Investigator Mr Wouter de Swardt and certain SAPS officers over the period December to March. In particular Sergeant Stevens and those working closely with Mr de Swardt at both Hout Bay and Belville

During this period, they formulated and put into action a plan specifically aimed at creating victims to aid in the manufacture of evidence. This adds a very serious and human factor to their activities.

Intentionally trying to cause up to one hundred families who would have booked their annual vacation to lose both the vacation itself and between R20,000 and R400,000 each in payments. Each family tricked into making a journey only to find out upon arrival the properties had been taken illegally weeks or months before.

We have updated the documents within the evidence folder that lists examples of the corruption of which we are aware. The list of corrupt, unethical, or illegal acts now exceeds one hundred and thirty such examples. Ranging from the minor to the very serious

In the months since we reported the corruption and the crimes committed by the SAPS officers and the private individuals who they work with or for, we have done extensive research and uncovered a considerable amount of new evidence. Establishing that the corruption went much further than we initially thought.

In that time, the very effective and well-resourced campaign of these private individuals who have the special relationships we refer to, has included the planting of demonstrably false stories in the media, which in turn has resulted in death threats and new directions for the continuation of the persecution. The current dominance of the media and public narrative seriously prejudicing the victim of this campaign precisely because we are unable to get any assistance to expose the corruption, lies and criminality.

Thereby also allowing the continued weaponization of the British citizenship of the principal target and the shocking treatment of an overseas visitor investing millions of Rand into South Africa and looking to settle here.

Out of desperation turning to international journalists to begin the process of getting facts into the public domain rather than the fabrication that has had control so far.

To date the only swift and professional response we have had has been from Psira and the British Embassy. But neither of these have the power, mandate, or ability to investigate the police service.

Whilst it is not for us to prejudge the outcome of their investigation into Mr de Swardt, based on the overwhelming evidence, we would absolutely expect not just the removal of his Psira license but also several serious criminal charges.

He has traded on and used his Psira licence to convey an air of respectability, authority, legitimacy, and trustworthiness. Whereas in fact he is a criminal. A facilitator for the wealthy to get what they want by any means while keeping their hands clean and their reputations unsullied.

He is also the means by which they can harness the power of the state and especially SAPS to do their bidding.

Such behaviour, methods, activities are the opposite to what is expected of someone holding and indeed advertising their Psira license. And it is precisely such conduct that brings the professional into disrepute. In our view the sooner charges are laid against him the better for everyone concerned.

However, it is very clear he and the officers working with him that they feel beyond the reach of the law, and he has said precisely that before

As mentioned in our first letter, the level of criminality is shocking and seems to grow ever worse as they appear to be able to do as they wish, protected from investigation and supremely confident they will not be brought to account for their crimes.

We have compiled a list of some of the crimes. Please appreciate none of us working on this are lawyers and do not purport to be

Their crimes have included but are not limited to:

1. **Illegal retention of equipment by SAPS in contravention of the warrant, charges, and court ruling,**
2. **Illegal retention of passport in contravention of bail terms,**
3. **Use of illegal arrest to advance the interests of the private individuals funding the corruption,**
4. **Providing false information to the prosecution to motivate objections to bail,**
5. **Providing the court with knowingly false information to frustrate the progress of the bail application,**
6. **The illegal rescinding of bail granted, and based on false information,**
7. **Executing an arrest despite previous magistrates decline of the application for a warrant,**
8. **Use of arrest to carry out illegal evictions,**
9. **Use of cover of arrest to undertake an illegal entry to another unrelated premises and remove the legal occupants.,**
10. **Use of arrest and detention to intimidate witnesses,**

11. Multiple physical assaults including by armed thugs with criminal records on innocent and defenceless housekeepers,
12. SAPS affidavits given four months post an arrest rewriting events to suit the current direction of investigation,
13. Extortion aided, facilitated by SAPS.
14. Harassment by as well as aided by SAPS,
15. A dozen attempted and actual illegal evictions,
16. Embezzlement, concealing of
17. Obstruction of the ends of justice,
18. Keeping files/docket (Broad complaint) open and alive to show as current investigations when a) the charge was false in the first place and b) one year later the matter is absolutely concluded, for the specific purpose of artificially influencing future bail applications.
19. Criminal defamation,
20. Aiding in slander, libel, defamation
21. Five illegal arrests of various people,
22. False imprisonment, at least three counts of
23. Criminal injuria.
24. Industrial scale perjury, forgery, fraud, blackmail, bribery,
25. Theft and retention of a British passport (On two separate occasions)
26. Interference in the visa extension processes,
27. Perversion of the course of justice,
28. Interference in the course of two bail applications,
29. The provision Home Affairs documents, statements and affidavits intentionally providing the courts with false information,
30. Witness statements obtained by coercion, threats, intimidation, lies and bribery.
31. Intimidation of witnesses,
32. Misrepresentation by individuals impersonating police officers and or
33. Misrepresenting authority they do not have,
34. Sabotage of due process and court proceedings,
35. Falsifying information in bail forms
36. Private individuals giving orders for arrests,
37. Private individuals using arrests to disguise illegal evictions,
38. Refusal to take the victims statements regarding the assaults,
39. Refusal to execute High Court arrest warrants,
40. Knowingly participating in the placing of an entirely false charge,
41. Use of police resources to pursue the goals of private individuals,
42. Use of taxpayer money to fund a private vendetta,
43. Abuse and hijacking of the criminal justice system to advance the personal and financial objectives of private individuals.
44. Pursuing the accused with no official file or docket,
45. Physical harm to the accused,
46. Collusion with individuals known to have planned the drugging, the torture, and the murder as well as disposal of the body of the target (Mr D Russell),
47. Knowingly assisting in the rigging of bail applications to secure a rejection.
48. Including inflating value of goods to manipulate the crime into a Section 5 offence,
49. Obtaining false affidavit and submitting such to the court,
50. Contempt of court. Refusing to attend storage unit as directed by the judge (to avoid dismissal of a charges),
51. Assisting the private individuals to nullify court orders and ignore high Court orders and interdicts,
52. Knowing constructing a Protection Order based entire on perjury and serving such while in the cells of Hout Bay police station,
53. Keeping the accused in the police station cells longer than needed on the instruction of the private individuals to provide a head start in stealing the properties, contents, and bank accounts,
54. Denying the accused their legal and human rights,
55. Thwarting attempts to contact their attorney,
56. Knowingly motivating and allowing private individuals to order a full SWAT team armed raid on the targets home. For their own personal agenda. Despite there being not the slightest genuine cause for such.
57. Keeping files/docket (Disberry complaint) open and alive to show as current investigations when a) the charge was false in the first place and b) one year later the matter is absolutely concluded, for the specific purpose of artificially influencing future bail applications.
58. Falsifying prearrest information saying guns at the property*, knowing this to be untrue, (we have assumed here that was what motivated the SWAT team raid but have no direct evidence of such)
59. Intentionally causing the target maximum humiliation, collusion between police and individuals regarding a choreographed pre-planned media ambush,
60. Police colluding with the private individuals and private investigators to specific engineer as long a remand as possible to enable private individuals to steal property, personal possessions, property contents and artwork,
61. Enabling an illegal eviction to steal R33million of refurbishments, R4 millions of contents and the completion of the primary aim of the campaign by securing the last three residences and thereby a total of over R100 million in rents more than what they would have received otherwise.

As reported previously, what we have is group of already wealthy privileged private individuals who have used, abused, and hijacked the apparatus of state, in particular SAPS and the criminal justice system, to achieve their objectives. These objectives being entirely private, personal, financial, and criminal.

Where their efforts to misappropriate assets both via the civil courts and via their criminal actions had failed, after the appointment of Wouter de Swardt to head and coordinate their campaign, they simply switched strategies exploiting corruption to enhance their campaign by illegally using the power and resources of the state, i.e., SAPS.

To date stealing property and assets with values in the tens of millions and in so doing stealing over R100 million in premium rental income that will be generated over the now breached contractual periods.

Some of the issues discovered since the first letter include.

1. Possibly the most alarming issue yet has been the discovery that the private investigator Wouter de Swardt and his colleagues in SAPS *including the one investigating officer Mr Stevens **colluded prior to the arrest to capitalise on it thereafter with a plan specifically aimed at creating victims.** To create a situation where up to one hundred families (circa one thousand guests) were to be deceived into arriving at properties for their stay in Cape Town only to find their host had lost control of that property weeks or months earlier but no one had informed the platform.

Instead of informing the one platform of the change of control of the properties, so that the platform could either have found the guests alternative properties or refunded them, they went out of their way and to considerable efforts to do the very opposite and to avoid either informing the platform or avoid the platform finding out.

So that they could cause as many families as possible to live through the nightmare they planned, whereby only on arrival would they discover they were homeless and their money inaccessible. In the absence of any genuine cases of fraud this was with the very specific goal of creating as many victims as possible to aid in misrepresenting these as an example of a fraudulent enterprise.

As they had been confident the plans put in place to scupper bail would be successful, with the only person who would initially know otherwise in Pollsmoor and the equipment, devices and data needed to properly investigate and respond locked up and held illegally by SAPS there was no reason to think their plan would be discovered.

In addition, the attempts of de Swardt and SAPS since to keep these newly created victims out of pocket and ignorant of the means of obtaining their refund.

“When we arrived at the property we met by a man with white hair. He said he had bad news and told us that we were victims of a scam and he had spoken to hundreds of guests who were in the same situation as us. Several that day in fact. And therefore, we stood no chance of recovering our money. When we suggested calling the agent, we booked it through he said that was pointless as they had gone out of business. When we suggested contact Booking.com who processed our booking he said that was pointless as so many guests had tried that, and it had proved a complete waste of time as they will not help. He said we would be much better off focusing our time on finding another place to stay and unfortunately write off the money spent. Although he did strongly advise us to report the matter to the police to help others and that of, we did so then would possibly benefit from a victim’s fund that would be set up to compensate victims. He took our details and the details of where we sent money to. Fortunately, my sister was very stubborn and insisted we call Booking.com even if only to complain. When we did, they found us another place to stay”.

2. The observations of those who witnessed the arrests that both the operation at fisherman’s Bend and the illegal operation at Leirmans Road who stated unequivocally that the private investigator Mr de Swart was firmly in charge, leading, directing, commanding. And enjoying
3. The subsequent **dossier compiled by Mr de Swardt alongside and for SAPS**, as well as for the civil proceedings that had been prepared ahead of the arrest in readiness for submission the moment the arrest was executed, demonstrates very clearly what the plan was. Having avoided the platform finding out, they waited for family after family to arrive. Not to assist them in any way but to document each.

Worse, despite knowing the advice best suited to help each family, (egg call Booking.com) they give the very opposite advice to steer them away from a resolution to increase the chances of losses.

With two dozen slots per month across the residences, which meant circa one hundred families could be genuinely booked and accommodated. If the theory exposed by Mr de Swardt and the IO were true and that double triple or quadruple bookings were being taken across the residences and throughout the weeks, then in theory that figure of one hundred would double, triple or quadruple. Resulting in between one hundred and four hundred families arriving at a villa they would not be able to stay in

As it transpired there, we are only a dozen. Well below the one hundred slot capacity over the summer period. As the volume of guests was actually under rather than over capacity then self-evidently there is no operation of double, triple or quadruple bookings. And in regard to this specific callous project and experiment, actual arrivals were 90% under capacity.

In the absence of the deluge of guests they had hope they then fabricate their finding in the most extreme way. With the data on 80% of the guests included being false.

4. The irrefutable confirmation that the arrest was a cover for, and disguise of an illegal eviction instructed by the owner motivated by the greed of the owner and quite astonishingly the desire of the new owners to take their three-month vacation there considerably prior to have any right to do so.
5. In fact, it has transpired it was **two illegal evictions** at two properties simultaneously using the arrest as a cover and disguise not just for the illegal eviction of that property but another unrelated property, including the illegal arrest of the occupants to remove them on behalf of the owners.
6. **Thereby SAPS and the private individuals circumventing PIE and all legislation and protections afforded to tenants. Brushing aside and voiding a high court interdict. Contravening the orders of the civil and criminal courts.**
7. To facilitate the second illegal eviction, required **the illegal arrest and false imprisonment of persons entirely unrelated to the primary arrest to intimidate and remove**. Which SAPS provided as instructed. Including the housekeeper, Ollie Sokanyile’s girlfriend. Arrested, removed, and released. No warrant existed for these arrests nor the entry to the property. With Ollie arrested 6 weeks later and kept at Hout Bay station for a week as punishment / retribution for having challenged Mr de Swardt and SAPS

ADDED TO THE GROWING EVIDENCE ARE THE INTERVIEWS WITH THE HOUSEKEEPERS AND OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY UNRELATED TO THE ARREST AND OR THE SEIZURE WARRANT THAT HAD NO PART OF THE OFFICIAL ARREST BUT WHERE SAPS PEELED OFF FOR A SECRET SIDE OPERATION TO CLEAR THE HOUSE OF OCCUPANTS AND PASS THE KEYS TO THE OWNER

8. The **affidavit by the investigating officer given four months after arrest** attempting to rewrite history to suit the current direction. Including his continued pursuit of a charge with no basis in law. This is perjury and a wholesale rewriting of the truth.

The recent addition to the file of the affidavit of the Investigating Officer is demonstrably false. With the prosecution having withdrawn all the charges the IO insisted they kept the immigration charge despite it being the weakest of them all. For reasons explained further on.

The immigration matter was not part of the arrest. Rather it had been created and used by SAPS et al to exert control over and prejudice Mr Russell including aiding their attempts to ‘rig’ both bail applications. But was not expected to play a role as a charge. Now that it is the only charge the IO had had to lie to represent its inclusion. The statements and affidavits provided by the same IO purporting to be an independent assessment of immigration status from the Home Affairs department are also concerning as they factually misrepresent the actual legal position.

Every time one attempt fails it is simply replaced by another. In the document “Conduct of SAPS officers, Mr de Swardt and his clients” it lists over one hundred and twenty events that point to corruption and the extremely unhealthy relationships involved.

It also provides a list of over sixty different examples of attempts made to either directly result in an arrest and incarceration or in trying to extend incarceration further.

Far beyond the implications for the individuals affected in this matter, there are even more serious and wider implications for all tenants. What SAPS have managed to do is very effectively overrule and veto Parliament and the judiciary by sweeping aside PIE and effectively destroying all tenant protections.

What should be the most junior of the various arms of the state and subservient and servant to both parliament and the judiciary is explicitly ignoring and making redundant what they have laid down as law.

By carrying out an illegal eviction disguised as an arrest it has made all of the protections afforded to tenants worthless

And as mentioned, it now transpires that this same tactic was used to illegally gain possessions of not one but two properties on the same day.

Then not content with making PIE redundant, the police have now started to recreate situations, circumstances, and environments with the specific aim of creating victims, reproduced, and engineered to appear to have resulted from the crime they claim to be investigating but where no actual victims exist.

As mentioned, one of the many benefits to the private individuals using the states apparatus and power is that it is enormously cheaper than going via any legal routes. Such routes would cost hundreds of thousands per round of litigation and per property. Whereas abusing the power of the state the campaign is effective free to the user. As well as far more lethal and far more effective.

The other side to all of this being free to those individuals abusing the system is that their entire campaign and ne that is entirely financial is being funded by the South African taxpayer.

The South African taxpayer funding their criminal profiteering. And while these private individuals stand to make profits in the tens of millions, those who can least afford it fund their fight. The wealthy getting wealthier by using and abusing the system and those whose hard work funds it.

In brief, the arrest was supposedly for operating a fraudulent enterprise. I.e., Taking double, triple, quadruple bookings for the same dates and villas with no intention of delivering. Leaving guests high, dry, stranded and without funds. This despite not a single complaint out of the thousands of enquiries and bookings in 2022. To the point SAPS had to dredge up three complaints that had resulted from the chaos of Covid 19 that had been dismissed at the time as a civil dispute.

This was one of a number of reasons why after three months of SAPS attempting to delay the bao; application even starting the prosecution withdraw all the fraud charges.

(NB: Although only after SAPS had exhausted their delaying tactics and the patience of the court (the magistrate set a deadline to actually decide on final charges and stop stalling.

He also called for an inquiry into the initial granting and declining of bail)

Mr. de Swardt was aware that to have a prospect of success that in the absence of any evidence whatsoever of any impropriety in the year since Omicron it was necessary to have both victims and recent activity he could misrepresent as fraud,

If the arrests were genuinely for operating a fraudulent enterprise, it would be expected that once an arrest had been made one of the first things the police would do would be to ensure all current guests were informed their villas booked were no longer available to ensure they did not become victims of this fraud that was supposedly being operated. more became victims of the fraud. In this instance all the key players, including de Swardt, Sergeant Stevens, Inge Broad, Ms Disberry knew which platform was used (there was only one) and knew how to make contact having done so on two dozen occasions that year when having the profiles pulled down. One phone call would have resulted in the platform contacting all guests booked from that point and for all of 2023 to notify them the villas were no longer available, to find them an allative villa or arrange a refund.

If you think you have discovered a driver of a high-speed train is drink, or has suicidal intentions, or has a bomb on board or indeed is a danger to the passengers in any way, then the correct thing to do would be to arrest and remove him to protect the passengers. You would then one assumes stop the train and get the passengers off.

What you do not is remove the driver to protect the passengers but then leave the train going at full speed with the passengers still on it.

If you did, then what was the point of arresting the driver if you then leave the passengers to die anyway.

But this is precisely what de Swardt and Stevens did. They removed the driver (who it later transpires was innocent anyway) but purposely did nothing to save the passengers. Keeping the arrest of the driver a secret so the passengers had no idea of the crash towards which they were heading.

What they did do though was gather at the site they expected the train to crash, ready to take notes from any victims, tell the victims it was all the diver's fault, so that they can then use those victims to prosecute the diver for the crash

De Swardt and SAPS intentionally did not contact Booking.com. they all categorically ne who the platform provider was. Instead leaving the platform completely ignorant of this very important change. The aim was explicitly to ensure every family who had booked were unaware and would travel to Cape Town and arrive at the villas expecting to be checked in. Only then finding out they had nowhere to stay.

With Mr de Swardt ensuring, he was in the villa at the time or on hand to "help" distressed guests. Notes with his number put on the front of the villas. Paraphrasing Mr. de Swar' conversation with every set of guest telling them (1) they had been scammed, (2) they were one of thousands to be scammed, (3) as such they stood no chance of recovering their money or getting an alternative villa, (4) that contacting the host or Bookings had proved pointless for others and a waste of time, (5) therefore they needed to make their own efforts to find an alternative villa, and (6) the best and only option for resolution lay in pressing charges at a SAPS station.

Each facet of the rehearsed speech was a lie. (1) When the bookings were taken the villas were under Mr. Russell's' control with all bookings made for dates within the current contract term. It was the illegal eviction that resulted in the villas no longer being available. (2) Had the villas not effectively been stolen there were sufficient capacity to accept an average of twenty-four booking each month, roughly one hundred bookings over the summer season which would equate to a little over one thousand guests.

In reality to Mr de Swardts disappointment, they failed to find a single scammed guest. In the end Mr. de Swardt reported only eleven guest bookings arriving over that whole summer season. De Swardt claimed all paid money into the Cape Exclusives bank account. In reality only one did. And that payment was received after the arrest and was one where a guest had simply sent payment in without having yet made a booking via booking.com or checked the dates were still available.

although de Swardt claimed all were via Mr. Russell. Any that were, however, were guaranteed either an alternative villa or a refund as the only bookings Mr Russell took were via Booking.com. And almost guests paid by card so had two forms of surety. And had they contacted booking.com rather than been dissuaded from doing so then they would also have had a attentive villa secured likely within an hour or two.

“When we arrived at the property we met by a man with white hair. He said he had bad news and told us that we were victims of a scam and he had spoken to hundreds of guests who were in the same situation as us. Several that day in fact. And therefore, we stood no chance of getting any money back. When we suggested calling the agent, we booked it through he said that was pointless as they had gone out of business. When we suggested contact Booking.com who processed our booking he said that was pointless to as so many guests had tried that, and it had proved a complete waste of time as they will not help. He said we would be much better off focusing our time on finding another place to stay and unfortunately write off the money spent. Although he did strongly advise us to report the matter to the police to help others and that of, we did so then would possibly benefit from a victim's fund that would be set up to compensate victims. He took our details and the details of where we sent money to. Fortunately, my sister was very stubborn and insisted we call Booking.com even if only to complain. When we did, they found us another place to stay “

We estimate that there is at least R2 millions of funds due to guests which they are entitled, and the means exist to ensure they receive this. But while de Swardt and SAPS continue to interfere and have control that will be almost impossible. Such as card refunds, charge backs or refunds via the Platform. This becomes s all the more urgent as the various routes to refund all have timelines beyond which these cease. As with the platforms who all have cut off periods and likewise chargeback facilities the entitlement to which expires after specified periods,

And due to the best efforts of Mr de Swardt and SAPS we are very close to these already. Once passed the losses would be irrecoverable.

This and much more are contained within the various correspondence attached and to follow. Everything within or stated has evidence that underpins it,

We appreciate that there is a lot to read and suggest the representations, corruption, analysis, crimes, conduct Of Saps Officers Mr de Swardt

The document **“Principal Documents & Evidence Folders”** contains the links to all of the main letters below:

1. Principle Documents and Evidence Folders (Updated)
2. The stolen portfolio assets income possessions and various links. Illegal evictions disguised as arrests. Aug23
3. Conduct of SAPS officers Mr de Swardt and his clients Corruption Collusion Complicity 11.5.30147.23
4. The crimes of Wouter de Swardt his clients and SAPS 12.5.2.7.23 (updated August)
5. Timelines 2021 to 2023. A chronological list of events directly related to the consortium of Mr de Swardt, his clients and SAPS
6. Analysis of submissions by Wouter De Swardt his clients and SAPS officers 11.5.30.6.23
7. Relationship of people and groupings to the consortium 7.23. Directional ATTACKS
8. Representations (Full length) To the SSP. On behalf of my client 29.6.2023. Draft 4.1.iv
9. Sergeant Stevens Entirely Untrue Affidavit (provided 4 months after the arrest) and the suspicious Home Affairs Affidavit a...
10. Case No. 7902.22 Application to Hear Oral Evidence and Affidavit Darren Russell - Copy (with notes)
11. Mario Boffa, attempt at extorting R46000. What's app export of conversation, including fifty voice notes

By definition, corruption should be completely hidden or at the very least very hard to identify examples of. But the individuals involved and in particular the SAPS officers responsible for this list, are confident of their immunity from investigation or the consequences of their actions. Their control of the agenda, the narrative, perception, and the flow of information has deflected all attention away from them, their motives, and methods. With a particular emphasis on manipulating and deceiving the media, NPA and guests.

At the December arrest, when passing through the office as Mr Russell was being escorted out ready to be paraded in front of the media as Mr de Swardt had rer4ed happen, the investigating officer looked at the wall of white boards in Mr. Russell's office. Out of the dozens of reminders and notes one simply said IPID (a reminder to lodge the formal complaint. The IO pointed to it and asked, “what's that.” Mr. Russell answered, “it's a reminder for me to contact IPID,” to which the IO laughed and responded “Pathetic. They are idiots, they have no power, like a dog with no teeth,” what do you think they are going to do. Say goodbye, you will not be seeing this place again “all Mr Russell could think of to reply was “even a dog without teeth still has claws.”

It cannot be right that private individuals can subcontract their personal and purely financial disputes to SAPS to deal with. It cannot be right that a group of private individuals can effectively go on a crime spree assisted by SAPS. Likewise, it cannot be right that allegedly professional private investigator can hire eight enormous thugs to forcibly enter defenceless people's homes and eject the occupants. It cannot be right that a private investigator acting on behalf of and paid by the owners of the properties, can command arrests, raids, and dozens of police officers. It cannot be right that documents are forged, paperwork tampered with, passports stolen, witnesses threatened, and visa extensions sabotaged

Most alarmingly it cannot be right that private individuals with either enough money oh enough contacts or special relationships with Subs officers can now completely ignore every protection afforded to tenants in their home and ignore pie the civil and for that matter criminal courts. Having weaponized the state in their pursuit what has been created is effectively evictions to order

And not only is this course of action far faster and far cheaper than the correct legal course it is funded entirely by the South African taxpayer

Those involved appear so confident in their invincibility that in the absence of evidence and victims they decide to create the environment and circumstances from which both can be created. In doing so showing not the slightest concern that they would ruin the holidays and finances of up to 1000 guests

The fact that the Investigating officer felt it necessary to perjure himself and provide an affidavit about the arrest four months after the arrest says a lot. That the charge is because f the failure to leave the country on the 31 March 2021 when there was an automatic visa extension programme in place for all of that year is equally baffling. In reality this is not about any visa breach but about finding anything whatsoever to justify an arrest, detention or elongate detention. With over seventy such attempts and moves that we can list. We have no doubt that should the prosecution withdraw the immigration charge, then we expect Mr de Swardt and thereby SAPS to move immediately with new charges, any charges to keep Mr Russell on bail and trapped pending their next attempt

To convey just how essential the illegal arrests were to their campaign. The portfolio as created and built by Mr Russell consisted of five properties, configured into six top end luxury residences, with a capital value of R140 million and a rental income over the five-year tenure of R150 million. Added to this the millions on refurbishments, furnishings, and contents of each residence. All of this the result of Mr Russell's investment of time, expertise and money.

This was the portfolio and landscape o the morning of the first arrest. By the afternoon of the second arrest just a few weeks later every single thing mentioned had been taken

Precisely why Mr de Swardt was hired and precisely why his strategy to use SAPS has proved a triumph

In April we made a formal request for your assistance in investigating this corruption and criminality. In august we are begging for your assistance.

Kind regards

Lauren Van Riet

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Subject: RE: Complaint - Reporting Systemic Corruption in the South African Police Service Batch 1

Dear Ms Ntlatseng

I hope you are well.

Please ignore the title of the email, this was from the original email back in October of last year. The complaint relates to officers from Hout Bay, Camps Bay and Belville Commercial

As mentioned, we have a meeting with Psira today and would appreciate similar progress with regards to IPID

Thank you very much

Darren de Rodez Benavent Russell
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Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:28 AM

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Subject: Complaint - Reporting Systemic Corruption in the South African Police Service Batch 1

Good Day

Please find attached correspondence for your perusal re complaint to be lodged on behalf of Mr Darren Russell.

Yours Sincerely,

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