



RE: Complaint to be lodged on behalf of Mr Darren Russell.

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Formal complaint about Psira member Wouter de Swardt. Including direct involvement in police corruption and very serious and wide ranging crimes over the last year.pdf; Copy of Wouter de Swart - Linkedin.pdf; Case No. 7902.22 Application To Hear Oral Evidence and Affidavit Darren Russell - Copy.pdf; THEFT OF PASSPORT 2.zip; Psira on Bark(1).jpg;

Dear Sir / madam

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Re: Formal complaint about Psira member Wouter de Swardt. Including direct involvement in police corruption and very serious and wide ranging crimes over the last year

We are writing to make a formal and very serious complaint and one that is very urgent

In my capacity as Practice Manager at Louis Herbert Attorneys for many years, I can honestly say I have never seen such widespread and unashamed criminality and corruption. We only came to know the matter halfway through last year. Having never met any of those involved we had no preconceived notions or opinions. What we found was a group of private individuals who had clubbed together to combine resources, contacts and funding to effectively illegally take over properties on which long leases had been granted to gain form the near R100 million uplifts in rental income that resulted from the investment of time and money by our client.

The man they put in charge of the criminal campaign and who has been the author of the various illegal strategies deployed to enable the theft of property and assets is Mr Wouter de Swardt.

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He currently holds a Psira license and presents himself as a legitimate private investigator. However, in reality he has committed a considerable number of crimes to achieve his clients goals. This has included but not limited to 1) breaking and entering properties on three occasions, 2) one attempted illegal eviction and two successful illegal evictions, 3) use of eight known paid criminal thugs in regards to the illegal evictions, 4) supervising the assault of the housekeepers inside the property, (one of these illegal evictions was then the subject of a High Court action whereby the court granted the order and required Mr de Swardt and his 8 thugs leave the property, 5) thwarting the housekeepers in laying charges at Hot Bay police station, 6) staging an illegal arrest in August, 7) manufacturing of evidence for use in a bail application the thwart our client from getting bail, 8) malicious prosecution in assisting with the laying of charges he knew to be false 9) couching the investigating officer for his testimony and specially in regards to the numerous counts of perjury therein 10) making threats to the personal safety of our client, 11) manufacture of a second malicious prosecution with the aim of complicating a future bail application as and when that was required by his clients, 12) Lying to SAPS and the Hawks and resenting evidence he knows to be false

to motivate their involvement 13) knowingly providing false information that there were guns at our clients property to motivate a fu SWAT team raid. None were found. 14) choreographing the inclusion of the media to humiliate our client, 14) colluding with or inducing the investigating officer to hand him the keys to one of the properties in dispute that the High Court had already instructed Mr de Swardt cannot entre, 15) violation of the interdict on the property awarded in August, 16) intentionally sabotaging the holidays of the guests booted at the property in an attempt to manipulate and misrepresent their situation to cause harm to our client, 17) countless incidents of perjury including his dossier presented in the application submitted as soon as he had him arrested 18) alongside the 8 thugs threatened to kill the property manager and his dog if they ever returned

As they were unable to steal the properties legally, with civil litigation being expensive and highly unlikely to succeed, they embarked on a quite extraordinary spree of criminality. Both with the assistance of and the protection provide by their contacts in SAPS and possibly the Hawks.

Their resources, contacts and reach allowing them to effectively write the narrative others see so that they can hide what is an immoral and illegal campaign behind the veil of a moral one. They invested heavily in posting false online content to make our client look guilty

He has been a key player in illegal methods of gathering evidence and case building alongside one of his principle clients ms Paula Disberry and her 'appointed' investigator a Belville Commercial Crime Unit officer we know only as Beverly .. this has included contacting anyone known to Mr Russell and threatening them with 10, 20 or 30 years in prison by mere association unless they sign witness statements written for them and promising them immunity from prosecution of they do. None of which were rue or in their gift

In addition, he has been working with two gentlemen who purport to be professional and qualified private investigators with 35 years experience and hold Psira licenses; Mr Johan Schalkwyk and Mr Denis Dalton. They displayed their alleged Psira licenses on letterheads, invoices, website, Bark etc. but we could find no evidence thy were registered and what evidence we did find suggested they had only been providing private investigation services for 2 years

Mr de Swardt, Mr Dalton and Mr Schalkwyk have been working together since October 2022. Evidence exists dating back as early as October that they had formulated a plan to drug, torture and murder Mr Russell in order to steal money they thought were in secret accounts

They also stole his passport so he could not extend his visa thereby making him vulnerable to their current and future attacks

As you will see by the attached items, the list of crimes is exceptionally long and serious. However, by using his connections at Hout Bay Police station, Belville Commercial Crime Unit and elsewhere he acts with impunity

Please see attached or following:

1. The letter sent to IPID a week ago.
2. The affidavit in the November application on 16 Leirmans Road
3. The dossier drafted entirely by Mr de Swardt in the applications submitted as soon as he had had our client arrested.
4. Links to videos of the occasions Mr de Swardt forced his way into the property, seriously assaulted the housekeepers and executed the illegal evictions for his client Mr Broad, also featured in the videos. **Videos and photos related to Keith Broad and Wouter de Swarts multiple illegal evictions and assaults.** <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oyzXCTdVEXsJgwCi6>

5. Letter to saps, demanding the arrest as per the high court order of his client Mr Broad which he ensured vanished
6. Letter to Wilkins in an attempt to reach a settlement making reference to their methods
7. Photo copy of one of the charges laid at central cape town SAPS after Hout Bsy SAPS refused to accept the charges or witness statements from the assaulted men. There were two further witness statements written by those who were assaulted
8. High court order of August 2022 (breached by Wouter de Swardt)
9. High Court Interdict (breached by Wouter de Swardt)
10. Protection order breach by Wouter de Swardt
11. Photo of note attached to the two villas he had had our client illegally evicted from . Whereby he knowingly lies to guests to tell them they have been scammed so they phone him and he can convince them their money is lost due to a scam and manipulate them into pressing charges. Omitting to mention the real reason they cannot have their stay is due to his illegal actions
12. Whatsapp images of the private investigators holding Mr Russells passport

If someone can please contact us (0795481226) to confirm receipt and let us know what the procedure is going forward. Mr de Swardt has considerable contacts in SAPS and the Hawks so he is able to thwart, impede or confuse investigations into him and his colleagues. As such, reporting this was a decision we did not take lightly. Already in fear of our lives and our liberty we felt we had no choice but doing so certainly increases the dangerous situation we find ourselves in

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We need to understand if he will be noticed of the complaint and the complainant. He has already had many members of our staff assaulted, arranged three illegal arrested, rigged bail applications, is responsible for several illegal evictions, two terms of false imprisonment, and threats to kill staff and their dog

And he continues with this campaign and does so under the guise of respectability and his Psira license. It is therefore essential he is thoroughly investigated and his Psira license revoked and he is charged with the multiple offences he has committed

We look forward to your urgent response

Yours sincerely

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For and on behalf of Darren de Rodez Benavent Russell

From: Lauren van Riet
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:31 AM
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Subject: Complaint to be lodged on behalf of Mr Darren Russell.
Importance: High

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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