



FW: Request for further investigation and Reporting of Corruption on behalf of Mr D Russell

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Subject: Fwd: Request for further investigation and Reporting of Corruption on behalf of Mr D Russell

Dear Sir/madam

Re: Reporting Systemic Corruption in the South African Police Service

I am lodging this complaint on behalf of Mr. Darren de Rodez Benavent Russell and staff (referred to hereafter as Mr. Russell) who have been a client of Louis Herbert Attorneys of which I was the practice manager.

Mr. Russell and staff have been the alleged victims of a coordinated campaign by several private individuals which has been enabled, enhanced and facilitated by the explicit cooperation of SAPS. Personal connections, bribery and other methods have been used to 'employ' the services of officers within the South African Police Service and the South African Court system. As well as possibly the NPA allegedly. The alleged private individuals at the centre of the campaign have used corruption to enhance and advance their own goals (in the main financial) and to assist in the illegal possession of properties legally held by Mr. Russell.

Further SAPS have allegedly been complicit in and provided cover for a considerable number of criminal acts allowing those committing these crimes, both private individuals and police officers, to act with impunity.

So organised is the network of individuals; including private citizens, private investigators and police, they have come to be called "the consortium" as an abbreviation of the names of those involved in a number of civil and criminal proceedings as discussed by Mr Darren Russell..

(Included allegedly are Paula Disberry, Peter Van Wyk, Wouter de Swart(WDS), Keith Broad, Inga Broad, Ragi Moonsamy, Richard and Maureen Schafer, Denis Dalton, Johannes Schalkwyk, Mario Boffa, Andre du Rand, Beverley surname unknown, Gail Broad)

Their alleged crimes according to Mr Darren Russell have included but are not limited to: extortion, harassment, a dozen attempted and actual illegal evictions, embezzlement, slander, libel, illegal arrest, false imprisonment, perjury, forgery, fraud, blackmail, bribery, theft and retention of a British passport (on two occasions) interference in visa extension processes, forged home affairs documents, witness statements obtained by coercion, threats, lies, bribery and intimidation of the witnesses, misrepresentation by individuals impersonating police officers or authority they do not have, use of illegal arrest to advance their interests and sabotage due process and court proceedings, private individuals giving orders for arrests, multiple physical assaults including by armed thugs with criminal records on innocent and defenceless housekeepers, refusal to

take statements to investigate such, refusal to execute High Court arrest warrants, knowingly participating in the placing of an entirely false charge, pursuing the accused with no official file or docket, personal pursuit funded by WDS, physical harm, 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), knowingly assisting in the rigging of bail applications solely for the purpose of trying to extend the period of incarceration including knowingly inflating value of goods wildly beyond their actual value so the crime would fall within a Section 5 offence, introducing knowingly forged Home Affairs documents and false consortium affidavit, refusing to attend storage unit as directed by the judge (in an attempt to avoid dismissal of a charges), assisting the private individuals to nullify court orders and ignore high Court orders and interdicts, knowingly constructing a Protection Order based entirely on perjury and serving such while in the cells of Hout Bay police station, keeping the target for 6 days at Hout Bay on the instruction of the private individuals to provide a head start in stealing the properties, contents and bank accounts, denying the accused their legal and human rights, thwarting attempts to contact their attorney, knowingly motivating and allowing private individuals to order a full SWAT team armed raid on the targets home (on 3 civil disputes dating from 2021 turned into fraud files by police officers at WDS instruction, such a case would never have resulted in such a raid), falsifying pre arrest information saying guns at the property, knowing this to be untrue, taking instructions from private individuals to enable the illegal possession of property against various Court orders, Interdicts and all tenancy related statutes including PIE, intentionally causing the target maximum humiliation, collusion between police and individuals in regards to a choreographed pre-planned media ambush, police colluding with the private individuals and private investigators to specifically engineer as long a remand as possible to enable private individuals to steal property, personal possessions, property contents and artwork, to enable an illegal eviction so as to steal R6 millions of refurbished, R3 millions of contents and R150 millions of rental income over the five years of the average contract as alleged by Mr Darren Russell.

The above is a list of the alleged criminality that dates to 2021.

Reporting the matter would be both futile and dangerous. Were Mr. Russell to report any of this to the police stations involved it would be immediately binned under his view from previous relations there and were he to do so he would open himself up to reprisal. Unfortunately, were he to report these issues to other police stations as they will then send the charge sheets to the police stations in question there would only be the same result in his mind.

I am unsure what you may need in terms of documentation or evidence so I thought best to get the complaint itself submitted and from that establish what you may need from us to assist.

The matter was first reported to the premier Alan Wendi by Mario Boffa in October 2022, and I believe IPID were notified but I don't think either side followed it up thereafter. And I am unsure if a reference number was issued as well as to the British embassy the British foreign Commonwealth office.

When in discussion with the British Embassy shortly after the second arrest of Mr. Russell they said that while they are unable to lodge the complaint itself, they are happy to assist once lodged should their assistance be helpful. They and we are keen to halt the criminality identified, the victimisation, extortion, harassment and ensure that lives are no longer threatened.

We decided to submit the complaint once bail had been granted. For several reasons: we did not wish to place Mr. Russell in any danger while he remained in an institution managed by SAPS. We did not want to lodge the complaint while he was still at the mercy of more trumped-up charges or delaying tactics by the police (and their paymasters). In particular any additional malicious prosecutions.

We wanted the granting of bail to have been secured on merit with no one misrepresenting that. We wanted to allow the police, private investigators and the private individuals employed to play, put their roles as they intended. And in that sense from the point of arrest to the point of being granted bail, indeed beyond that they have acted precisely as predicted and a near carbon copy of the first illegal arrest.

I have enclosed some documents as a start which may be useful. Many more documents and evidence exist. But I felt it better to wait for the complaint to be filed and a reference number issued.

We remain extremely concerned that having scored victories by the first and second arrest but not a knockout blow that they will try a third time and we have no doubt that they will be making plans in that regard.

The order to arrest on both occasions did not come from the police service but rather from private individuals allegedly.

A pertinent question is: Are the police and prosecution seriously expecting the magistrate or anyone to accept that a year after the three civil disputes were filed as complaints that, with no police investigation, no interview of the accused, no mention at any point in any of the civil proceedings of the last year, no activity on the files or cases at all, that the police suddenly decided out-of-the-blue to make an arrest. And by the most incredible coincidence specifically on a date absolutely perfect for the two owners of the properties from where the instruction to arrest came. Their private investigator leading the arrest and search of the property allegedly.

And aside from the three charges of alleged fraud being well over a year-old no recommendation to charge would ever have warranted a full armed SWAT team raid. Again, the origin of the decision as to the nature of the raid lies with the private individuals, via their private investigator allegedly.

We cannot comment as to whether the Hawks are complicit in the alleged corruption or simply being used and taken for fools by SAPS. There has been nothing about the Hawkes involvement that has suggested they are also in the pay of these private individuals and according to Mr. Russell it was only the officers from the Hawkers who acted professionally during the raid and arrest.

That said Mr. Moonsamy and the other attendees of the arrest including Denis Dalton and Johannes Schalkwyk have allegedly claimed to have significant contacts within and influence over the Hawkes. That may be true but of course may be talk.

We do know that Wouter se Swart (WDS) has a brother in the Hawkes, and he has referred to his considerable influence in that regard allegedly.

Shortly prior to the illegal eviction and attacks by WDS and the thugs, the consortium's attorneys postponed the civil proceedings back to November to clear the decks for the new strategy. A strategy that was much cheaper and far more immediate than civil proceedings it may seem.

The time of arrest number one took place to scupper Mr. Russell's urgent application for possession of the property 16 Leirmans Road. WDS and eight hired thugs tried to force their way into the property on the 22nd of July. On that occasion they were unable to get in but returned two days later and having forced their way in with the help of the private security and police they assaulted the housekeepers and management staff and then threw them out.

Mr. Russell launched urgent proceedings to recover the property and the date was set for the 4th of August. Theft charges were laid by Mr. & Mrs. Broad with WDS at Hout Bay police station on the 1st of August where the officers knew full well the charges were entirely false.

The intention was to get Mr. Russell to Hout Bay Police Station where he would be made very aware he was to withdraw from the proceedings or face very dire consequences or to arrest him to remove him from circulation as an effective opponent. And the message delivered to each house was to "tell Darren to come to Hout Bay police station". Should the threats or worse not persuade Mr. Russell to withdraw the proceedings then the plan being to present to the judge with the fact that the tenant was in prison for theft of the landlord's property and an illegal immigrant and therefore could not be considered either a legal or viable or indeed desirable tenant thereby scuppering the proceedings to regain possession of the property.

Fortunately for Mr. Russell he was in Pringle Bay at the time of the manhunt and on the advice of his attorney did not attend the station. Calls to the police station to establish the reason for the sudden activity failed to elicit any responses.

On his return WDS located Mr. Russell by illegally pinging Mr. Russell's phone and at around 9 a.m. on the morning of the court hearing WDS, Sergeant Duna and an officer we know only as a good friend of Keith Broad allegedly, attended the property and began trying to break into the grounds of the property and then the property itself.

So scared of what these three might do, Mr. Russell phoned his attorney, his portfolio manager Chandre Abrahams and Central Cape Town police to seek their help. With the attorney and property manager also

calling the police.

During the arrest he was strangled by one of the officers to the point of nearly passing out Mr. Russell was taken to the unmarked car. WDS asked the inspecting officer whether they had confiscated the laptops and phones to which he replied no as the other police were there to which WDS replied damn well next time then. And congratulated the two police officers at which point Mr. Russell was driven to Hout Bay police station where he was kept for six days.

Although much later than planned Mr. Russell's arrest was precisely at the same time as the respective attorneys were going into court to hear the Leirmans road matter

The high court awarded Mr. Russell full and immediate possession requiring the immediate vacation of WDS, the 8 thugs, Mr. and Mrs. Broad and anyone associated with them. Mr. Russell was also granted an interdict against Mr. Broad and associates. And the courts chose to show the seriousness of the matter and their displeasure by awarding Mr. Russell a punitive costs order against Mr. Broad. Thereby showing their contempt for Mr. broad and WDS's conduct in full. The interdict that like every other court order before it was breached by the consortium immediately. In the full knowledge they were safe from any consequences of any criminality

Whilst in custody in an attempt to sabotage yet another court order the police knowingly assisted Mr. Broad and WDS in creating and serving a Protection Order on Mr. Russell in the full knowledge that the protection order was based entirely on perjury and contained not a shred of truth allegedly.

The protection order was obtained by Mr. Broad and WDS lying, saying that Mr. broad and his family lived in the property and that the security firm sent by the attorneys to protect the property and housekeepers from attack was in fact Mr. Russell's henchmen sent to intimidate him in his family home. Whereas Mr. Broad had not lived there for 9 months and in a prior affidavit stated he was nowhere near the property when trying to pretend he had not instructed the illegal eviction and assaults

The police who by now are extremely familiar with Mr. Broad and WDS as well as the property and the situation surrounding it knew the truth but had no issue in accepting and serving a protection order they knew to be completely baseless.

While Mr. and Mrs. Broad, WDS and the police were busy trying to circumvent the most recent high court order and a valid and legal lease, the other members of the consortium who were the owners of the two villas in Monterey Road, Hout Bay Mr. Richard and Maureen Schaffer having been pre warned, immediately moved to commence eviction proceedings. The intention being to serve papers only on the property address knowing Mr Russell did not live at the property and knowing Mr. Russell was in prison.

At the same time Mr. Moonsamy moved quickly to place himself in position to take over the property should Mr. Russell fail to get the bail as was the intention of the consortium. By putting his most trusted and senior on the ground employee into the property under the guise of helping the current housekeeper and with constant contact and surveillance by his personal assistant he made sure he was in a position to take advantage should the opportunity arise allegedly.

Mr. Moonsamy having been keen to take over the property since the complete transformation but acutely aware that Mr. Russell having paid a year's rent in advance was in a very secure position legally and whatever peripheral issues could be manufactured any action through the civil courts would be highly likely to fail. Serving only to sour the relationship for the remainder of the tenure. However, the opportunity to take the property would come around just once in the first two-year tenure in December 2022 when the rent would fall due for year 2.

If Mr. Russell defaulted and failed to correct the default it would present an opportunity to retake the property with a chance of success in the civil court but that would necessitate both default and an inability to correct the default. If for example the rent was not paid on the rent due date but was paid shortly after no court would have awarded Mr. Moonsamy possession of the property. Particularly bearing in mind the rent for the previous year had been fully paid, there was a deposit on account, the tenant had paid huge sums for essential repairs and maintenance that should have fallen to the landlord's account. Should the rent not be paid for year 2 it would be an extreme scenario where the tenant would lose possession.

The alleged only way that Mr. Moonsamy would be able to take the property would be to do so prior to the rent for year two having been paid and then removing Mr. Russell placing him in a position whereby payment of year 2 was impossible.

It was prior to the rent due date that Mr. Moonsamy forged an alliance with Mario Boffa, Johannes Schalkwyk and Dennis Dalton of Ensure Secure Services to ensure but Mr. Russell did not have the funds on the due date and that action would be taken to ensure that the rent for year 2 was not and could not be paid.

Mario, Denis, Johan and Andre of E.S.S had in the months of October and November embezzled in excess of three- quarters of a million rand allegedly that was essentially Mr. Russell's money. Money paid by guests to stay on Mr. Russell's property.

When the embezzlement was discovered, they changed their operation to an outright scam whereby they were advertising Mr. Russell's properties not just without his permission but against his explicit demand they do not advertise or taking bookings on the properties and or bank money from guests.

With no intention of or ability to ever deliver the booking as paid for by the guests. In a perverse situation they were endeavoring to create a war chest in which to steal the property from underneath Mr. Russell effectively with his own money.

All this is known to the police, yet in documents we have seen they refer to Mario Boffa as an accomplice of Mr. Russell which is the polar opposite of the truth.

And to date, we are unaware of any investigation into their scam or embezzlement and despite Mr. Boffa being misrepresented as an accomplice no arrest has been made of Mr. Boffa and we doubt that one is even planned.

Mr. Moonsamy was more than happy to discuss all options including knowingly accepting money for rent that was in fact Mr. Russell's but because the funds will have been paid by another party excluding Mr. Russell and seeking to make him homeless. Essential and intrinsic to this was the corruption of the police. They would need to carry out an arrest on a date stipulated by the private individuals they would further need to keep Mr. Russell incarcerated for as long as possible. Co-operation would be further needed regarding making the bail application as complicated and challenging as possible.

The priority to be for Mr. Russell to be on remand for as long as possible to allow the private individuals as bigger window as possible to commence and complete civil proceedings in the hope of capitalising on position as the tenant was in prison and they made no efforts to contact him or his appointed attorney and to use the fact that he was in prison with charges such as fraud and immigration to put forward an argument that he could not be a legal tenant or indeed a desirable one allegedly.

The police's involvement in making a bail application as complicated as possible preceded the arrest by many months and included the illegal theft and retention of Mr. Russell's passport, knowingly arresting him on false charges of theft and intentionally stalling a docket from being closed. Intentionally stalling an investigation into an entirely false theft charge so that charges were on file when the arrest was eventually instructed.

There is no question that the instruction for both arrests originated with private individuals. Tracing the chain of command back to the first point where an arrest was muted may lead to just one of the alleged corrupt officers involvement. With regards to the first arrest the chain of command will have been very short. WDS had a very close working relationship with the Hout Bay police station and his financial arrangements and relationship with Sergeant Duna and other members at Hout Bay police station will have ensured its quick and direct support it has been alleged.

The fact that high court orders requiring the arrest of Keith broad have never been actioned, that letters from attorneys to the commander at Hout Bay police station were consistently ignored, the fact that the station refused to take witness statements from the housekeepers who had been assaulted or investigate the matter of the illegal eviction and assaults, and failed to investigate the docket was received from central Cape Town police station, or make any arrests are just some of the indications of how close the relationship is.

The second arrest was more complicated in that it involved police from the Commercial Crime Unit in Belleville, the Hawkes and possibly police from Hout Bay police station.

Although we make no allegation regarding the Hawkes. Their involvement could have been entirely in good faith having been lied to by the private investigators and the police. Including being told there were firearms on the property. Or whatever reason motivated such an extreme form of arrest.

Whoever first mentions that there may be guns on the property certainly had that motivation in mind. Mr. Moonsamy, Denis Dalton, Johannes Schalkwyk and WDS have always been very quick to point out that they have contacts in the police, the Hawks and the Courts at the highest levels.

All this begs the question who is running the police; WDS or the senior police officers who should be in charge. Who oversees the prosecution or rather in reality the persecution of someone who stands between the consortium and 150 million.

It is WDS who allegedly oversaw the investigation, who feeds all information and "evidence" through, totally unchallenged, uncorroborated and unvetted by the police officers through whom he carries out his campaign and criminality it may seem.

Even the most cursory glance at the chargers and files by an undergraduate law student would show immediately how devoid of any marital substance the prosecution's case was. Which poses the question where the pressure is to prosecute this matter coming from and where is the pressure and the instruction to object to bail coming from. Likely WDS to Sergeant Stephens to the prosecution just as it was WDS to Sergeant Duna to the prosecution.

The flight risk argument had already been thoroughly examined in the bail application in August and the judge had no concerns in that regard. Further the fact that subsequently Mr. Russell then acted entirely properly adhering to the terms of the bail, including the attending of hearing in court every time a date was set, staying at Fisherman's bend for the full duration of the bail and once the case was withdrawn collecting the bail money as clear an indication as any, but the flight risk argument has no substance.

On each occasion Mr. Russell appeared at court, neither the docket nor the investigating officer turned up. Again, this was intentional so that the matter could be left hanging on file indefinitely to complicate and prejudice any future bail application as and when needed by these individuals.

The fact that the investigating officer, Mrs. Broad, Mrs. Broad's attorneys, Mr. Russell and Mr. Russell's attorneys on the assistance of Mr. Russell's attorneys all met at the storage unit whereas already known to the investigating officer and Mrs. Broad, all of the items they alleged had been stolen were safely stored inside. Expecting the visit to the storage unit would close the matter once and for all.

The entire matter had been a malicious prosecution. Mr. & Mrs Broad knew Mr. Russell had stolen nothing, they knew the items were in storage and they knew the items had no value. From the very beginning Mr. Russell had given Mr. Broad equal and complete access rights to the storage unit and the Broads knew the storage unit existed as they had only a short while prior to the arrest asked the attorneys to go along and view it.

What was found was precisely as Mr. Russell had stated and demonstrated the depth of the deceit of Mr. & Mrs. Broad and the police. The storage unit precisely contained the personal possessions and old junk as per the two inventories conducted by the independent inventory company at the property and then again at the storage unit. And not a single item of value and not a single item that made up the false statement that the items had a value of R835,000 that had been invented purely to put the matter into a Schedule 5 offence. The investigating officer knew all this all along.

Which is why he didn't attend the storage unit during the bail application Mr Russell finds very odd? Although everybody present knew the charges had been baseless from the start. The storage unit was opened and as everyone already knew all the items were safe and neatly packed inside. Not only was they not the slightest sign surprise or relief on Mrs. Broads face she went on to ask where the old office printer and she was thought possibly the king size bed she was looking at maybe a different one to their own.

For somebody who had just stumbled across what they had alleged was almost a million rand of goods that they had thought stolen from their property it was astonishing that she did not even feel the need to pretend.

Nor was there the slightest indication as to any regret or remorse that she had put an innocent man in prison for something she knew he didn't do.

In any normal situation, having opened the storage unit that contains all the items the complainant had alleged were stolen the file would be closed. But the police have been instructed not to close the file so that when the next arrest came it appeared as if they were existing cases.

The consortium was careful to learn from the mistakes they made with the first arrest. Which was one of the reasons for motivating the armed raid and confiscation of all the computers and phones so that by removing all hardware and software it would remove access to any evidence Mr. Russell may hope to use in a bail application and to ensure that the booking system and revenue stream were completely destroyed. With no one managing the system they knew that chaos would ensue and hoped to capitalize on that in the coming weeks, hoping to find something from the chaos they could misrepresent as fraud.

As at the point of writing this letter the police have still not given Mr. Russell any of his equipment or paperwork back. Almost 4 months after the arrest and almost a month after the charges were withdrawn. We have no doubt that this is because of instructions from the private individuals. To thwart Mr Russell in accessing evidence useful to himself, to thwart him rebuilding his life and to embark on a new fishing expedition in the hope of finding something that can be manipulated sufficiently to pass the bar of enabling a third arrest.

The arrest itself was carefully choreographed to cause Mr. Russell as much damage and humiliation as possible with the press specifically invited by the three private investigators. On leaving the property the police officer had intentionally parked the car right in the centre of the drive rather than for example in the garage or close to the garage. This was to ensure that they could parade Mr. Russell for as long as possible prior to getting into the car.

The police officer even took Mr. Russell round to the far side of the car rather than the nearside for maximum exposure. When the officer from the Hawks commented that Mr. Russell should be taken the direct route to the car the I.O ignored him. When the officer from the Hawkes said Mr. Russell should give a jacket to put over his face the police officer was extremely dismissive.

It was on leaving the property as they walked through the garage that the police officer gave the keys to the properties to WDS. In one go torpedoing various high court orders and months of painstaking and expensive litigation in the civil courts.

As mentioned, the arrest was timed to coincide with various needs of the private individuals responsible for hiring the private investigators and for using corrupt elements of SAPS.

1) to circumvent the High Court order of 3 weeks earlier which postponed the hearing in the civil matter for 6-9 months, 2) ensure Mr Russell was incarcerated while any moves were made in the civil courts to consolidate the illegal eviction (December to March), 3) remove anyone who was a witness to the previous crimes by the members of the consortium and the police, 4) remove Mr Russell after he had paid R 250,000.00 before he could pay the remainder (which would be 10th to 17th December) so as to avoid the need for civil proceedings that would fail anyway, 4) remove Mr Russell so that the friends of Mr Moonsamy who were due to purchase the property could stay for their vacation (from mid December to mid March), 5) remove Mr Russell so Mr Moonsamy could begin building works to the property planned some time prior to Mr Russells removal (planned for December), 6) remove Mr Russell so that he was denied the income that would be generated from the summer season bookings which covered the period 15 December to 31 March, 7) remove Mr Russell so that's guests already booked would now no longer be able to get the stays they booked so that Mr Moonsamy, WDS, Mr & Mrs Broad etc could misrepresent the bookings as fraudulent allegedly.

As you can see, the timing of the arrest fitted perfectly with the needs of the private individuals precisely to the day. They cannot possibly expect anyone to accept that it was just one enormous coincidence. We have recently discovered that in fact the housekeeper was told in advance of the arrest. Another clear indication that this was not driven or controlled by the police.

Mr Moonsamy and WDS promised him various benefits for post the arrest once they had used the arrest to take over the property it has been alleged.

We have recently learned that Mr Ollie Sokanyile was arrested. Demonstrating that the arrests were nothing to do with the alleged fraud as Mr Sokanyile had no involvement in the business operation.

The reason for his arrest was 1) to remove him from both Fisherman's Bend and Leirmans Road where he lived (ie his primary home was at Fisherman Bend but would stay at Mr Russell's other property in Leirmans Road too) to aid in the illegal eviction (which was the primary basis for organizing arrests) to teach him a lesson for standing up to the police and WDS and to warn him offer ever testifying as to the criminal acts of the individuals including Mr & Mrs Broad, Ms Disberry and Mr Moonsamy. Aided at all times by the police and WDS.

Setting a trap for him so that when he contacted the housekeeper (who was being paid well in advance of the arrest to help ensure it went as planned) he would then call WDS and two detectives who waited for him then arrested him, with The trumped up charge was housebreaking and theft. Again we assume laid by Mrs Broad to aid in the campaign. Mr Sokanyile was kept at Hout Bay police station for a week, then released. Never having been taken to court for a bail hearing. Sufficient time for the respective parties to secure their positions and ensure he did not return to either property.

As mentioned, the arrest was timed to coincide with the start of the summer season and close enough to the peak season to ensure maximum chaos. As well as causing Mr. Russell the largest possible losses by removing the three busiest months of the year, which can account for as much as 70% of income to a villa operator.

A continuation of the campaign since 2021 to financially ruin Mr. Russell would effectively remove him both as an opponent and as a tenant. The latest arrest has cost Mr. Russell at least R5 million on bookings for the period of his remand. On top of this the R500,000 round of legal fees to fight the bail application itself.

The consortium has effectively created a position where one arm of the South African state is able to overrule and nullify the other arms of the South African state. The police sweeping aside laws made in Parliament including those affording tenants protection. While setting aside and completely ignoring the orders of the judiciary allegedly.

Setting an exceptionally dangerous precedent for any landlord keen to get rid of his tenant but where the tenant has done nothing to warrant eviction by the courts. The involvement of the police has allowed his private individuals to switch between civil and criminal proceedings between criminal acts and legal proceedings concurrently and consecutively.

Deploying each as needed.

Without the police this strategy would have been impossible and without the protective shield provided by the police for the individuals, they would not have been able to commit these crimes with impunity. Not only controlling Hout Bay station, having alarming influence at Camps Bay Police Station and Bellville Commercial Crime unit thereby denying Mr. Russell the ability to lay charges or register any complaints by cutting off all routes to do so.

Any attempt by him or anyone known to him to lay charges at Hout Bay police station would simply be blocked and likely not even taken it all. As well as alert the police station which would no doubt result in serious reprisals.

But the way the docket system works were he is to report a crime in the Central Cape Town Police station they will refer the matter to Hout Bay at which point it will be killed off. And or he will be at serious risk in terms of his life and liberty Living within the jurisdiction of Hout Bay police station has been a terrifying experience for him.

Not only knowing that at any moment yet another arrest might be conjured up but that he would be afforded no protection should anything happen to him at the property.

And yet despite the astonishing and very serious crimes committed by this group they have remained completely uninvestigated, and no charges brought nor are they ever likely to be while the matter remain within the stations over which they have a significant sphere of influence.

A dozen illegal evictions documented, embezzlement, theft of personal possessions and property, forcible entry, multiple assaults fraud of several million rand, the illegal arrests and false imprisonment, the malicious prosecution, threats harassment, extortion, intimidation allegedly.

A plan to drug torture, murder Mr. Russell and dispose of his body. Theft of a passport and legal retention, unlawful interrogations, unlawful monitoring and surveillance, significant harassment with over 30 visits from police officers in a few months alone.

Methods to pressurize witnesses into making statements already written, including threats, bribery, intimidation and coercion.

The above represents an abuse of power that has been used to lethal effect resulting amongst other things in an innocent man being arrested, humiliated, charged, remanded in prison for a total now of 4 months with a pre-planned, pre-rigged bail application process.

On both occasions the charges were withdrawn. On the first by the judge and on the second by the prosecution.

Private individuals, already wealthy and privileged using their contacts, power, corruption and bribery to exert pressure on the police, the courts, etcetera to extend remand for as long as possible. Not just ruining and humiliating Mr. Russell and putting his life in jeopardy to enable the illegal takeover of the properties that no court has ever felt appropriate to do to date.

Their plan required a series of criminal and corrupt collusions to illegally obtain what they cannot obtain legally. Allowing them to present a situation whereby they have responded to events as an innocent bystander when they are in fact the author of the strategy and the eviction.

With the added advantage that by immediately remanding Mr. Russell and denying him his freedom they don't just get to steal the properties at almost no cost they get to steal the millions in personal possessions, contents, furnishings as well as the millions invested in the properties.

Netting around 150 million over the Five-Year term of the relationship. Rather than expend hundreds of thousands of rand on fruitless proceedings in the civil courts their goals can be achieved at almost no cost other than any payments to police officers it would be alleged.

Interestingly it is the South African taxpayers' who foot the bill for their campaign and funds the most effective strategy to date.

With WDS and the police being especially effective in weaponizing Mr Russell's British citizenship against him and sabotaging his visa extensions and interfering with the home office application and then pretending his status has nothing to do with the consortium and should be a point considered against it in the bail applications

Sickeningly knowing that they are intentionally putting an innocent man in prison where they hope to exhaust his funds and thereby any chance of decent representation so that remand lasts months or years.

Because of this war of attrition and criminality, they have very effectively taken all 5 properties one by one. The first arrest enabled them to take Hove Road and the two properties in Monterey Road. The second arrest enabling them to take the properties at Leirmans Road and Fisherman's Bend. SAPS, allegedly, have been essential and central to this campaign. And to provide protection for the individuals so they can do whatever they wish with no possibility of being held accountable.

As a result, the tens of millions invested has been stolen, he has been denied the income that should have flowed after the extensive transformations, he has been ritually humiliated, and of course served almost 4 months in Pollsmoor.

Only obtaining his freedom when a body with greater authority than the police service is given the ability to decide his fate.

As mentioned, we are unfamiliar with what is required when filing a complaint. But happy to assist in any way we can and perhaps an interview would be a good starting point, but we will wait to hear from you. The matter is urgent as we have no doubt WDS, and his associates plan a third attempt.

Kind regards

Lauren

On behalf on Mr Darren Russell

LINKS TO ALBUMS RELATED TO FISHERMANS BEND ILLEGAL EVICTION , ILLEGAL ARREST, FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

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Videos and photos related to Keith Broad and Wouter de Swarts multiple illegal evictions and assaults

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/oyzXCTdVEXsJgwCi6>

Videos of Mario's confession to him, Johan and Denis embezzling R750,000

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4S2BoW4ecdSFDskx7>

General evidence folder

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pjTLP5izUclG2apWTlNy8ImQJhvXuji6?usp=share_link

Letter to SAPS demanding the arrest of Keith Broad

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NZBskqzfrMB9wUq8Qbex8Mz6jW3ACkp/view?usp=share_link

Theft of second passport

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZgmDd4uUb817ix6A>

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Conversation with Chandre Abrahams about illegal methods used to intimidate witnesses

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WwTYTyINjj3YO8lnBqSJ5ymdrL7_lbDi?usp=share_link

Conversations with one of the housekeepers

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BYLIIVQt9w9ofYV47q1lI8RXNlqHB8jp?usp=sharing>

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Fisherman's bend (**before** photos)

Photos Taken in the first week]

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/7QUXKK4tqSafSqMP7>

VERSUS ...

Fisherman's Bend (after the main phases of the refurbishment)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/u2YsYfSE2G9WWAF19>

Video of fisherman's taken at end of first phase of the refurbishment

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/MQwVTKM6hBXtaGd96>

Video of fisherman's taken at end of first phase of the refurbishment

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2wf1oNhSzBp5EDzV9>

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Collection of photos across all the villas

Everything shown was undertaken and completed in under a year

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/UEvLBbiDU9EjTNxd9>

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EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE PROJECTS AT FISHERMANS BEND**Grand veranda**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/h84tE8tjgSa9udV48>

Guest apartment at Fishermans (before and after)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/zkjJHDwPkR3ciokK9>

Stairs project (before and after)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/32v4zotr8KktGMNh7>

EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE PROJECTS AT LEIRMANS ROAD**16 Leirmans Before photos**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/fP1VfhBE9gAWMYwK7>

16 Leirmans after photos

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/RMgLyHWSjq4ka1qX6>

16 Leirmans before and after video

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/LrmTzHRZedEm4Ggg6>

Videos of the properties, inc before and after

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/tSigE3sowmJxQQzb8>

Kind Regards

Lauren van Riet

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lauren Michelle van Riet <laurenmvanriet@gmail.com>

Date: 24 April 2023 at 08:09:12 SAST

To: complaints@ipid.gov.za

Cc: Darren de Rodez <darrenrussell10@outlook.com>

Subject: Request for further investigation and Reporting of Corruption on behalf of Mr D Russell

Good Day

Please find attached the IPID Complaint Form 2 attached and the extra Folios.

This is my second attempt at reporting as I sent an email last week and have yet to receive any feedback or acknowledgement of such a complaint lodged.
I look forward to hearing back from someone at your offices to get this investigation underway.

Yours Sincerely,

Lauren van Riet