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Lieutenant-General Khombinkosi Jula Provincial Commissioner Kwa-Zulu Natal Durban 4001

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CC via email : MEC Community Safety and Liaison CC via email : National Police Commissioner

Dear Lt. Gen. Jula

RE: Justice Denied Alleged Rape of 11 Month Year Old, Wamkelo Khuzwayo

Today, 1500 male police officers marched against gender base violence and the Minister of Police, Mbeki Cele promised that no one will be turned away, when victims of abuse approach the police stations. With this statement in mind, I write to you to urgently intervene and attend to a matter that has brought serious allegations against officers at the Plessislaer Police Station. I wish to further remind you that this police station is rated 16th on the top 30 stations in the country, with the highest cases of rape.

I have been reliably informed by Mrs Hlengiwe Khuzwayo, who resides in Unit J imbali, that her 11 month old baby, Wamkelo Khuzwayo was allegedly raped at the local day care centre in late September 2019.

When she first suspected that her baby was raped, she immediately visited the hospital. The doctor had confirmed that Wamkelo was raped. Mrs. Khuzwayo allegedly attempted to open a case of rape at the Plessislaer Police Station, but was turned away. She claims that only after her persistence with the officers, did she receive assistance to open a docket, five days later.

The case number : **CAS 40/10/2019**, and the allocated investigative officer to the case is **Const. SG Ngcobo**. Mrs. Khuzwayo has not been successful with the investigating officer, as she has not been able to receive updates on the case and to date the accused has not been arrested. SISHAYAMTHETHO SAKWAZULU-NATALI

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I have further attached a media release published in the community newspaper, which provides more details and further confirms other victims who were also turned away by the same police station.

The mother has lost confidence in the police to protect her and her family from the accused. This is terribly heartbreaking especially since the Constitution of South Africa makes it crystal clear that the South African Police Service is responsible to prevent, combat and investigate crime, protect and secure, uphold and enforce the law and create a safe and secure environment for ALL people.

I want this case to be given the attention it deserves and that the guilty officers are immediately investigated and will be dismissed, if found guilty. We cannot afford to allow officers who are not willing to comply with their mandate to continue to be in the employ of the state.

I await your prompt and positive feedback.

Regards

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