



**KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE**

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CC. MEC Peggy Nkonyeni

Dear

**RE: Looters Released Without Being Charged**

I send our warm greetings under these difficult circumstances.

I write about a matter that is quite concerning, the devastation of the looting taking place in our province.

Whilst it is encouraging to hear that a large number of suspected looters have been arrested, it has now been brought to my attention that a number of them have been released without being charged or facing the consequences of their criminal conduct.

The information that I received is that this has occurred at the Pinetown Police station. However, it is likely that has occurred at other police stations as well.

You will appreciate that the shocking scenes of businesses being taken over by thousands of criminals across our province, has caused massive anger amongst law abiding citizens and the reasonable expectation is that police hold these criminals accountable and take the necessary steps to ensure that criminals are punished for their actions.



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You will appreciate that the President's words and assurances to the country that "we will not tolerate lawlessness" will ring hollow if these reports are true by any means.

We are already facing a situation in our province where the public is fast losing confidence in SAPS' ability to enforce/maintain law and order and the release of suspected criminals (for any reason whatsoever) will only serve to support that perception.

I will appreciate if you will kindly look into this matter and confirm what action you are taking to ensure that those arrested suspects are re-arrested and face the full might of the law as the President promised on national television a few days ago.

regards

Await your positive reply.

Regards

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