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National Police Commissioner

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Dear Lt. Gen. Masemola

SAPS OFFICERS FOUND GUILTY OF RAPE BY IPID DURING 2021/22

As a member of the Portfolio Committee on Police in Parliament, I am hereby formally requesting that you immediately intervene in the outcome of the three police officers who IPID recommended sanctions against them for incidents relating to rape during the course of the 2021/22 financial year, as set out in the IPID Annual Reports. It is understood that two of the officers received written warnings whilst the third had their salary suspended.

This information emanated from the Sunday Times article dated 9 October 2022. I am sure you would have been appraised on this revelation as well as the identities of these alleged criminals. From the article, it has been alleged that none of these cases have been referred to the NPA for consideration of prosecution. It is nonsensical that these officers continue to keep their jobs, let alone not facing the punishment of being convicted in a court of law. Such a finding by IPID should carry nothing less than termination of employment. It is disgraceful to the victims of these crimes that such a light slap on the wrist is given to such a heinous crime, especially considering the GBV pandemic this country is currently in.

Accordingly, I request that you intervene as Police Commissioner so that these officers be immediately terminated as well as having them referred to the NPA for prosecution and allow a court of law to determine their fate. Justice must not only be done Mr Police Commissioner, but it must also be seen to be done as well.

I am looking forward to your positive response.

Your sincerely,

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