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Date: 02 April 2024

To: Lieutenant-General Sello Kwena
North West Provincial Police Commissioner

From: Cllr. Hendriette van Huyssteen
DA Caucus Leader: Naledi Local Municipality

Subject: Memorandum on the disappearance of Selwyn Vry, Vryburg

Dear Sir/Madam

The subject of this correspondence refers.

I confirm that on 15 March 2024 the Democratic Alliance in the Naledi Local Municipality submitted a Memorandum to the Vryburg Police Station. A copy of same is annexed hereto, which content speaks for itself.

It is now requested that your office make available the assistance required and unlock the much needed resources to reunite the Vry family with their lost son, Selwyn Vry.

Yours faithfully


Cllr. Hendriette van Huyssteen
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Date:	15 March 2024
To:	The Station Commander Vryburg Police Station Vryburg
From:	John Abraham Adonis Councillor: Naledi Local Municipality Democratic Alliance: North West
Subject:	Memorandum: Investigation of the disappearance of Selwyn Vry

Today, the Democratic Alliance came together with the community of Vryburg to demand that our constitutional rights to safety and security be protected and enforced. The right to safety is enshrined in the Constitution of South Africa and it is imperative that it is upheld in practice. In addition to the protection of the right to safety, every resident has the constitutional right to just administrative action when their right to safety is infringed.

The people in North West do not feel safe in their homes, on the streets and in communities. They also fear that should harm come to them, the SAPS cannot be entrusted to justly attend to the investigation of such matters.

Over the last couple of years, we have noted a steady rise in rural crime in North West, especially violent and brutal crimes that affect far-flung communities.

The situation is worsened when perpetrators know that there will be little to no consequences for their wrongdoings.

The failure by the SAPS to properly investigate and inability to finalize open dockets, creates the perfect playground for criminals.

The primary function of the government is to empower people to enjoy their freedoms, such as the freedom to own property rights, bodily integrity and life.

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It is unfortunate that Vryburg, like the rest of North West, continues to experience high crime rates, people live in constant fear for their property and lives. Crimes such as common assault, robbery, theft, burglary, sexual assault and drug-related crimes have also been on a steady increase. Recently, the fear of disappearing without a trace has been added to the list of fears residents face on a daily basis.

Today we stand with the family of Selwyn Dennis Vry, and the community of Vryburg fearing for their safety. Selwyn Vry is a 34-year-old man, born on 13 April 1989. A resident of Colrdige, Vryburg. He disappeared the night of 26 August 2023. The SAPS have no leads as to what may have happened to him. Very little, to nothing is being done to find this young man and return him home to his family.

Communication from the SAPS to Selwyn Vry's parents have been almost non-existent. No feedback is given on steps taken, nor is information given on steps to be taken going forward.

The DA calls for immediate intervention in this matter by restoring open communication between the SAPS and the family of Selwyn Vry on a reasonable and frequent basis.

The DA further calls on the SAPS to bring in supportive experts who have experience in the investigation of missing person cases.

The DA further calls for the re-questioning of all persons who were seen with Selwyn Vry during the last 24-hours before his disappearance.

The DA further calls for the expedition of all outstanding forensic reports in this investigation.

The DA further calls for the SAPS to re-visit the house in Langeveldt Street, which is a suspected crime scene for Selwyn Vry's disappearance. In particular, the SAPS is called to bring in a specialist forensic unit to fine comb the household and its surroundings.

The DA further calls for SAPS boots on the ground, so that the surrounding areas where Selwyn Vry was last seen can be thoroughly searched, as well as any other possible areas as identified. This to include a mass search of such areas in a joint SAPS and community effort.

Received by: M. MANJUNANA

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

At: **Vryburg Police Station, Vryburg**

Date: **15 March 2024**





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Handed over by: **John Abraham Adonis**

Signature:

At:

Date:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Adonis', written over a horizontal line.

Vryburg Police Station, Vryburg

15 March 2024

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