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COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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TO: HONOURABLE A.T. NTULI
PREMIER OF KWAZULU-NATAL

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TO THE MEC FOR
COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

1. The above matter hereby refers.
2. The Department received the parliamentary question from the Legislature as follows:
 - (i) PQ no.175/2026 as per notice by Hon. Ms R Gokool from Democratic Alliance (DA).
3. Attached is the response provided by the Department for the Honourable Premier's consideration and approval.

MS B.F.N MAKHANYA
ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

DATE: 13/7/26



WRITTEN REPLY

No. 175/2026 Ms R Gokool (DA) to ask the MEC for Community Safety and Liaison:

- 1. Whether the Premier is aware of allegations against Captain Luanne Emmanuel of Phoenix SAPS for failing to act against known drug dealers in Phoenix, including allegedly handing back a firearm to an accused person instead of securing it as evidence; (a) If so, what action has been taken?**

REPLY

The Premier has been advised by the South African Police Service of the allegations against Captain Luanne Emmanuel. These allegations are formally registered as Contempt of Court CAS 239/4/2025 which is under investigation by the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID), a Unit responsible to investigate police conduct.

- 2. What is the disciplinary and or criminal proceedings currently pending against Captain Emmanuel, given her prior suspension for failing to remove a firearm from a suspect later implicated in the murder of Sasha Lee Monique Shah;**

REPLY

According to the Acting Provincial Police Commissioner, Captain Emmanuel was subjected to a disciplinary process and given a sanction of suspension for two months without pay. The pending criminal case is being investigated by Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID).



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3. What measures are in place to ensure that officers with prior findings of misconduct in firearm-related incidents are not deployed to cases involving gender-based violence or organized crime;

REPLY

Captain Emmanuel has since been moved to the Client Service Centre. She is no longer working at Enquiries where she had dealt directly with GBV or Domestic Violence victims or serving of orders or seizure of firearms involved in Domestic Violence matters.

4. How many cases opened by residents of Phoenix against Mr. Julian Govender and Mr. Pierce Govender have been withdrawn or struck off the roll in the past five years and on what grounds;

REPLY

Five (5) cases have been registered and they are as follows:

No.	Case Details	Status
1.	Phoenix CAS 841/03/2021:	Docket was signed for from the Archives for Section 102 to be held. The reason for withdrawal was due to no prospect of successful prosecution.
2.	Phoenix CAS 142/12/2021:	The complainant submitted a withdrawal statement, and the matter was finalized as Withdrawn in Court.
3.	Phoenix CAS 362/12/2024:	The matter is still open and under investigation.
4.	Phoenix CAS 437/08/2022:	The docket was finalized as Nolle prosequi.
5.	Phoenix CAS 141/08/2020:	The matter is still open and under investigation.



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5. How many counter-charges have been registered by the same individuals against complainants and how often these have resulted in arrests of complainants rather than perpetrators have:

REPLY

Five (5) cases have been registered and they are as follows:

No.	Case Details	Status
1.	Phoenix CAS 424/06/2020:	No arrests have been made. The case was finalized as Withdrawn.
2.	Phoenix CAS 369/04/2022:	No arrests have been made. The case was finalized as Withdrawn.
3.	Phoenix CAS 570/08/2022:	The suspect was arrested and the case was finalized withdrawn in court.
4.	Phoenix CAS 801/05/2025:	No arrests have been made. The case was finalized as Withdrawn.
5.	Phoenix CAS 542/02/2020:	No arrests have been made. The case was finalized as Withdrawn.

6. What steps is the Department taking to address allegations of collusion between SAPS members at Phoenix station and known drug dealers in the community?

REPLY

The Department has instituted a process of auditing all the related dockets that have been struck-off the Court Roll, Withdrawn and Closed as Undetected and the Honourable Member will be apprised of the outcome of audit as soon as the process is finalised.



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7. Will the Premier commit to an independent investigation, possibly through IPID, into the handling of cases 360/12/2024 and 438/12/2024, and the conduct of Phoenix SAPS officers involved?

REPLY

At this point in time, there is no consideration for an independent investigation as the update from the Acting Provincial Commissioner indicate that both cases are still active as follows:

- Phoenix CAS 360/12/2024 Assault common: the case docket was sent to Senior Public Prosecutor for decision.
- Phoenix CAS 438/12/2024 Pointing of firearm: the suspect was arrested and charged; the case is still under investigation.

MS. B. F. N. MAKHANYA
ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
DATE: 13/7/2024

HONOURABLE A.T. NTULI
PREMIER OF KWAZULU-NATAL
DATE: 14/7/2024