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CDP/CDA concerned on Popcru's actions at Wierdabrug Centurion police station

The Christian Democratic Alliance (CDP) expressed its concern at an incident at the Wierdabrug police station involving Popcru, where it would appear that racism underlies an attempt to defeat the ends of justice. (See correspondence below).

"We are in principle, opposed to any security force being affiliated to a union, allied via Cosatu with the ruling party, especially should this union engage in actions that boil down to apparent abuse of power, and racism. It is even more disconcerting when this has been raised in at least one comprehensive study and report which has been submitted to government without any success," says CDA acting chair and leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), Rev. Theunis Botha.

"With the shortage of manpower and funds, it is vitally important that community policing, and thus the involvement of communities succeed. Incidents such as these make it difficult to be willing to cooperate."

CDP/CDA bekommerd oor Popcru se optrede by Wierdabrug Centurian polisiestasie

Die Christen Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA) het sy kommer uitgespreek oor 'n voorval by die Wierdabrug polisiestasie waarby Popcru betrek is en rassisme skynbaar onderliggend is by 'n poging tot regsverdeling. (Korrespondensie hieronder).

"Ons is in beginsel gekant daarteen dat 'n veiligheidsarm van die staat se lede lid van 'n vakbond kan wees wat via Cosatu by die regerende party geaffilieer is. As hierdie vakbond in aksies betrokke raak wat skynbaar op magismisbruik dui, veral op rasgronde, is dit baie kommerwekkend. Dit is selfs nog meer kommerwekkend dat dié situasie in reeds minstens een studie uitgewys en aan die regering verslag gedoen is," sê ds. Theunis Botha, waarnemende voorsitter van die CDA en leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

"Met die tekorte aan mannekrag en befondsing, is dit gebiedend noodsaaklik dat gemeenskapspolisiëring, en dus die betrokkenheid van gemeenskappe, moet slaag. Voorvalle soos hierdie plaas die gewilligheid om saam te werk onder druk."

A case of blatant orchestrated racism by members of POPCRU has been launched against the Branch Commander of the Detective Branch SAPS Wierdabrug, culminating in a petition being signed and calling for her immediate removal from the station against threats of boycott and a trumped up charge of attempted murder being lodged at the ICC, which has seen tampering with evidence, death threats, telephonic harassment and threatening phone calls.

As Executive Chairperson of the CPF Wierdabrug I feel compelled to bring this to the attention of yourselves. The Branch Commander is a white female detective superintendant of many years experience by the name of Mrs Darleen du Plessis.

Background is as follows:

- *Tuesday 23rd Feb 2010 she received information from a member of the public that a Detective Constable was involved in alleged corruption and was demanding R1000 to hand-over and make a docket of assault GBH domestic violence disappear.*
- *Authority was sought to set a trap for the 24th, she obtained hi-tech and area office equipment and support for the trap.*
- *On 24th Feb trap was set and sprung. The Detective constable made a run and was chased and boxed by two police cars with sirens and red lights and managed to escape*
- *Further pursuit followed and two shots were fired at his car and he was seen to throw the cash out the car. He was stopped and arrested and detained at Lyttelton police station.*

- *POPCRU released him and opened trumped up charges of Attempted Murder docket against the Branch Commander which was handed to ICC, and a petition signed to have her removed within 48hrs from the station or face boycott actions. Death threats have followed.*

This blatant case of black on white racism manipulative actions and threats must be put a stop to and dealt with correctly. Police ought to be passionate about getting to grips with crime and not defending criminals against officers doing their duty. Such circumstances make it somewhat difficult to work in co-operation with members of the police and the public

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