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Another arrest in Wierdabrug CLF disquiet

“In the early hours of this morning a second member of the now, dissolved Valhalla CPF Mr Gunther Botha was arrested for the alleged murder of a vagrant in Valhalla, and various other members homes where searched. This in spite of the fact that the former sector Executive Chairman of the CPF Louis Fourie, Councillor Richard Botha and Rev Noel Brinton a member of the community had a meeting with the Station Commander of the Wierdabrug Police Station where he was informed by Fourie, that evidence has come to the fore that Wierdabrug police where themselves allegedly involved in the incident,” says Richard Botha Councillor for the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“The CPF have successfully in the past dealt with crime in the area and have continually had confrontations with police because of their ineffectiveness and alleged involvement in crime. One can therefore only speculate” says Botha, “that what is happening here appears to be nothing less than a vendetta against the former members of the CPF and a potential cover-up of police involvement in this incident.

“In view of the recent revelations that Police have had to pay over hundreds of Millions of Rands of taxpayers money to victims of wrongful arrest, it would appear that they once again in this case have opened themselves to the same result.

“With many recent revelations of police brutality and misconduct, the Christian Democratic Party feels that those at the head of the force have lost control of its members and therefore insists that the minister for Safety and Security initiates an inquiry into this incident.”

Nog ‘n arrestasie in Wierbabrug-GPF-onmin

“In die voeë oggendure vanoggend is ‘n tweede lid van die nou ontbinde Valhalla GPF, mnr. Gunther Botha, gearresteer in verband met die beweerde moord op ‘n rondloper in Valhalla, en nog ander se huise deursoek. Dit het gebeur ten spyte daarvan dat die voormalige voorsitter van die GPF, mnr. Louis Fourie, raadslid Richard Botha en ds. Noel Brinton, ‘n lid van die gemeenskap, samesprekings met die bevelvoerder van die Wierdabrug-polisiekantoor gevoer het, waartydens hy deur Fourie ingelig is dat getuienis beskikbaar geword het dat polisie van Wierdabrug na bewering self by die insident betrokke was,” aldus Richard Botha, raadslid van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Die GPF het in die verlede doeltreffend misdaad in die gebied aangespreek, en het daarom voortdurend konfrontasie met die polisie gehad, ween die polisie se ondoeltreffendheid en beweerde betrokkenheid by misdaad. ‘n Mens kan dus bloot bespiegel dat die huidige verwickelinge die gevolg is van ‘n vendetta teen die voormalige GPF-lede en ‘n potensiele toesmeeraksie is van polisiebetrokkenheid by die voorval.

“In die lig van onlangse onthullings dat die polisie miljoene rande aan slagoffers moes betaal wat verkeerdlik in hegtenis geneem is, wil dit voorkom of die polisie hulle weer eens aan dieselfde optrede kon skuldig gemaak het.

“Met die baie onthulleings oor polisiebrutaliteit en wangedrag, meen die CDP dat diegene in bevel beheer oor die lede verloor het en dring daarom aan dat die minister van Veiligheid en Sekuriteit ondersoek laat instel na die voorval.”