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CDP shocked by police involvement with stock theft

"The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) is shocked at the news, that members of the police are involved with most cases of stock theft in the Free State. According to the latest available statistics, Free State farmers lose approximately R170 million stock and crops annually, due to theft. Theft of some R44 million in tools and implements adds to this burden," says CDP leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"We welcome the assurances from the provincial commissioner, Gen. Amon Mashigo, that police officers involved with stock theft, will be fired. "

"From the farm workers' summit in Somerset West where first TAU SA and then Agri SA walked out, it is obvious, in what hostile surroundings, commercial farmers work to ensure food security. To make matters worse, the absent minded minister, Tina Joemat Pettersson, thanked TAU-SA for not walking out. "

"Soon after the summit there was yet another farm murder," says Botha.

CDP geskok oor polisiebetrokkenheid by veediefstal

"Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) is geskok deur die nuus dat polisielede betrokke is by die meeste veediefstalgevalle in die Vrystaat. Volgens die jongste beskikbare syfers, verloor Vrystaatse boere jaarliks sowat R170 miljoen aan vee- en oesdiefstal. Boonop word sowat R44 miljoen se gereedskap en implemente elke jaar vasgelê," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

"Ons verwelkom die versekering van die provinsiale kommissaris, genl. Amon Mashigo, dat polisielede wat by veediefstal betrokke is afgedank sal word."

"Die gebeure by die plaaswerkersberaad in Somerset-Wes, waar eers die TLU-SA, en toe Agri SA, uitgestap het, toon in welke vyandige omgewing die kommersiële boere voedselsekuriteit moet verseker. Boonop het Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson die TLU SA bedank omdat sy onder die indruk was dat hulle enduit by die boere-"bashing" betrokke gebly het. "

"Kort na die beraad was daar nog 'n plaasmoord."