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**CDP oor misdaadstatistiek**

"Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) meen dat die misdaadsyfers, soos deur die Instituut vir Sekerheidstudies uitgewys, die slegste in tien jaar is, en dat dit 'n onomstootlike aanduiding is dat daar nie voete gesleep kan word met 'n morele herlewing nie," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

"Ons is voorts bekommerd dat die syfers nie betroubaar is nie, omdat, soos die Instituut vir Rasseverhoudinge dit het, net ongeveer die helfte van die misdade in die land aangemeld word. Dit sluit ernstige misdaad soos huisrooftogte en motorkapings in. En ook hierdie syfers kan skeefgetrek wees omdat baie van dit wat aangemeld is, bloot om versekering vereistes aangemeld word.

"Met die talle polisielede wat kriminele rekords het, is dit kwalik vreemd dat daar 'n groot vertrouensgebrek in die polisie is – al is daar ook baie goeie polisielede.

"Ons verkies om later meer omvattend te reageer wanner die statistiek volledig op die SAPD se webwerf gelaai is, en ons kans gehad het om dit te ontleed."

**CDP reacts to crime statistics**

"The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) shares the opinion of the Institute for Security Studies, that these crime stats are the worst in ten years, and that there can be no delays for a comprehensive moral rejuvenation," says CDP leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"We are also concerned that the figures are not reliable, as was pointed out by the Institute for Race Relations. Only about half of the crime in the country is being reported. This includes serious crimes such as home robberies and hijackings. And these figures can also be skewed as many of these crimes are only reported as a requirement by insurance companies.

"With many police members reported to have criminal records, it is understandable that public trust in the SAPS is at a low ebb, -although it should be conceded that there are also excellent police officers.

"We will deal with this matter in more detail once the official statistics are published on the SAPS website, and we have had the opportunity to study them."