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GUARD AGAINST WILD WEST GUN-FIGHTS?

“Criminals have turned south Africa into a wild west scenario – Government should be careful not to react in the same way”, says CDP Leader and Deputy Chairman of the CDA, Rev Theunis Botha. He was commenting on a statement by President Jacob Zuma and others that police should ‘shoot to kill’.

“Although we welcome a return to sanity when it comes to the powers given to the police when dealing with criminals, we want to warn against depending on draconian measures as a ultimate solution. Violent crime and murder is pandemic in South Africa and can only be effectively dealt with by the re-institution of the death penalty”, Botha said.

“It is only proper policing done by fully trained policemen and an effective, highly qualified and independent judiciary that will reduce crime in South Africa and return the country to internationally accepted norms.

Added to this is the whole question of the moral degeneration of many South Africans that needs to be addressed. Crime flourishes when moral standards collapse.”