

Date: 19th December 2011

TO: The Independent Complaints Directorate

RE: Complaints against Rustenburg Police Station

Dear Sir, Mrs, Miss,

We as the Rustenburg Rate Payers Association hereby wish to lay an official complaint against the Rustenburg Police Station with the Independent Complaints Directorate.

On the 13th of December 2011 at +-10H35 I was called by our member that he has again seen a Municipal Vehicle with Municipal Employees selling Municipal property at one of the local Scrap Dealers (Cash for Scrap) on the corner of Pres Mbeki Drive and Zendeling Street.

When I arrived at the location the Municipal vehicle has already left.

I contacted Director Kotsedi (Rustenburg Public Safety and Traffic).

Director Kotsedi dispatched Mr. Makinita (Public Safety and Traffic) to my location.

When Mr. Makinita arrived myself and Mr. Makinita entered the premisses and asked if we could see the Municipal property that was sold by the Municipal employees.

The employees of Cash for Scrap showed us two large water valves.

These valves have a combined value of +-R30 000.00 and the Cash for Scrap employees confirmed that they purchased these two valves from the Municipal employees for R209.00.

Mr. Makinita tracked the Municipal vehicle registration as well as the driver of the vehicle using the GPS information.

Myself, our member and Mr. Makinita arrived at the Rustenburg Police Station to open a case at +-17H20.

After we have opened the docket/case we left the Rustenburg Police Station at +-18H45.

Myself and Mr. Makinita went to the Rustenburg Police Station on the 14th of December 2011 at 15H15 to get the case number.

However on our arrival we were notified that nobody knows about such a case.

We then proceeded to the office of Brig. Dube (Rustenburg Station Commander) and again told him our story about the missing docket/case.

Brig. Dube then called a few officers and Police members to enquire where the docket/case is.

At this stage the goods that were sold to Cash for Scrap has not been collected as evidence by the Police and I informed Brig. Dube of this.

Brig. Dube then asked me to go with some Police members to collect the evidence.

We collected the evidence and went back to the office of Brig. Dube.

On arrival at Brig. Dube office the docket/case was still missing.

Myself and Mr. Makinita left at 17H05 with the docket/case still missing and no answers as to who is guilty.

I went back on the 15th of December 2011 at 10H35 to the office of Brig. Dube to enquire if the missing docket/case was found.

Brig. Dube told me that the Police members that were on duty on the 13th of December 2011 were on 4 days cycle leave and would only be back on the 19th of December 2011 and that an internal investigation will be conducted.

I went back on the 19th of December 2011 at 14H55 to the office of Brig. Dube to enquire if the missing docket/case was found.

I was told that Brig. Dube has left and would not be returning by his secretary.

I then asked her to call Brig. Dube on his Cell phone.

Brig. Dube told me that the docket/case was still missing and that the shift commander would only be back on the 20th of December 2011.

This is a sensitive case involving Municipal property and employees.

How is it possible that the docket/case was missing?

Was the docket/case removed to protect someone?



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If it was removed from the Police Station how can the Police be trusted with any docket/case/evidence? We can't expect our members or anyone else to give us sworn statements and evidence if dockets and cases just goes missing.

We would like to see an investigation conducted by the Independent Complaints Directorate and the guilty party charged and steps taken to prevent such future problems.

Regards

Johan de Klerk
Secretary