

Ntate Paul Khumalo state under oath in English.

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I am a Lt Col in the South African Police Service with persal number 7030112-3 attached at Ilembe District under District Operational Command Centre based at 106 Chief Albert Luthuli Street, KwaDukuza. I am currently deployed on the National Task Team investigating political related incidents around KwaZulu Natal as MAJOC commander. My contact details are 082 334 8910 and email address KhumaloN7@saps.gov.za.

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I am currently deployed with the National Task team that was established during June 2018 to investigate political related matters in KwaZulu Natal. Sometime in January 2023 the task team was task to assist with investigation at university of Fort Hare (UFH) after the Vice Chancellor had submitted proclamation to the Honourable President Ramaphosa.

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The Task team comprising of multi-disciplinary disciplines received a briefing at Eastern Cape Provincial head office from members of serious and violence crime, DPCI, Crime intelligence and university of Fort Hare led by head of investigation and vetting Issac Plaatjies. Team was briefed for three days. Thereafter, it went back to KwaZulu Natal.

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During last week of January, I led the multi-discipline task team to East London to start with the investigation of UFH cases which were compromising of Murders and attempted murders. The investigation of the university was merely cantered around the employees. Isaac Plaatjies, became point of conduct to the team and even Vice Chancellor inform me that should he not be available the person that will assist the team with any information will be Plaatjies. The latter became the first contact whenever the team wanted to interview any person of interest within the university or any service provider.

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Every time the investigation team is going to interview witnesses or need any documents for investigation purposes, I would then contact Mr Plaatjies using my state phone (082 334 8910) on his number (072 472 1029). The team created a good working relationship and trust with him as he seems to know lot of things and cases within the university. We will meet at his office (UFH) or sometimes go to a neutral place for the purpose of protecting witnesses.

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One day Mr Plaatjies asked me if I can sell him honey as he heard that I am selling honey. I told him yes; I do but I was out of stock in East London. I will make arrangements. He placed an order of 60 bottles of honey which 1kg cost R150.00. I asked why so many bottles? He said, "I thought you always take note that whenever i drink my tea i take it with honey" and he is placing an order. I further informed him that I will bring them when I come back from Pretoria because they will need to be transported and it was at that time when I sent him my account capitec account number. On the 23rd September 2023 whilst I was home, I received an amount of R10,000.00 into my Capitec savings account number 1470242158. Few minutes after receiving the money, Mr Plaatjies phoned and said, "I have sent the money my

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brother" and I confirmed to have received it. I asked him why did he add extra R1000.00? He replied by saying it is for transport of which I don't charge for transport.

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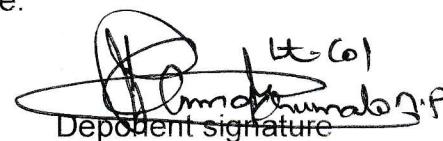
After two weeks I returned to East London but did not have the honey yet as I placed the order to my supplier to add more bottles of honey to make up the 60 bottles needed. I explained to Mr Plaatjies who understood and said he I should not stress as he is not in hurry of the honey, that actually surprised me. Later on, our investigation revealed that Mr Plaatjies was the mastermind behind the reported cases at UFH and subsequently we arrested him after I set up a meeting with him as the contact person for the university. The honey was then not delivered to him due to his arrest. His order is available for delivery and his refund is also available but as he arrested I do not know how to return it or where to deliver it.

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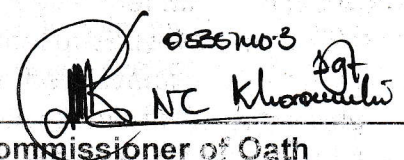
I know and understand the contents of this statement.

I have no objections to taking the prescribed oath.

I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.


Dependent signature

I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understand the contents of the statement. The statement was sworn to before me and the deponent signature was placed thereon in my presence at Durban on 2024/08/24 at 16:55.


Commissioner of Oath

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