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**Tshwane CDP Councillor threatened with arrest**

“The Wierdabrug police station in Centurion is once again in the news for all the wrong reasons,” says Richard Botha Christian Democratic Party Councillor in the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality. “A report was put out by Mr L Fourie, Executive Chairman of the CPF, stating that members at the station are actively promoting crime; whilst especially white policemen and women, who are doing their job properly and dealing with crime affectively are being replaced or transferred. In the meantime, crime is flourishing in the area under Wierdabrug’s jurisdiction where an alleged success rate of only 1% is being achieved when it comes to fighting crime.” Botha says, “It would appear, that the police have now turned their attentions to the local CPF and this in spite of the fact that the SAPS stats department congratulation the CPF on their positive input in reducing crime.”

“In the latest act of harassment a CPF member was arrested without there being any prima facie evidence of any wrong doing. Other CPF members have been targeted as accessories and threatened with arrest and detention, despite there being no evidence. When I contacted inspector Kgokong and questioned him on what grounds he had threatened the CPF members with arrest, he responded by turning on me and threatening me with arrest. When I offered to give the officer my address I was cut off.”

“The CDP is of the opinion that this investigating officer should immediately be replaced as he is obviously untrained when it comes to dealing with the public and therefore unfit to do his job effectively. We are committed to keeping abreast of this matter and informing the public on developments.” Botha said.

**Pretoria-raadslid van CDP met arrestasie gedreig**

“Die Wierdabrug-polisiestasie in Centurion is weer vir al die verkeerde redes in die nuus,” sê Richard Botha, raadslid van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) in die Tshwane-metro. “Die uitvoerende voorsitter van die Geneemskapspolisieringsforum het ‘n verklaring uitgereik waarin hy dit stel dat lede van die polisiestasie in effek misdaad bevorder. Polisiemanne en –vroue wat hul werk doen, veral blankes, word vervang of verplaas. Intussen floreer misdaad in die gebied wat onder die stasie se jurisdiksie val, waar daar na bewering ‘n sukseskoers van net een persent is as dit by misdaadbekamping kom.” Botha sê dit lyk of die polisie nou hul aandag op die GPF toespits, in weerwil daarvan dat die polisie se statistiekeenheid die GPF-lede geluk gewens het met hul aandeel om misdaad hok te slaan.

“In die jongste voorval is ‘n GPF-lid gearresteer sonder prima facie-getuienis teen hom. Ander GPF-lede is as medepligtiges geteiken en met arrestasie en aanhouding gedreig, in weerwil daarvan dat daar geen getuienis teen hulle is nie. “Toe ek insp Kgokong gebel het en navraag gedoen het oor die gronde waarop hy GPF-lede met arrestasie dreig, het hy gedreig om my ook te arresteer. Toe ek aanbied om my adres te verskaf, is die telefoon neergeplak.”

“Die CDP meen die beampte moet dadelik verplaas word. Dit is duidelik dat hy nie genoegsaam opgelei is om met die publiek te werk nie, en is dus nie toegerus om sy werk te doen nie. Ons is daartoe verbind om op die hoogte te bly van verwickelinge en om die publiek daarvoor ingelig te hou,” sê Botha.