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I, the undersigned

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declare under oath as follows:

1. I am an adult female, resident at [REDACTED] Khayeltisha. I am unemployed. I am 41 years old.
2. The facts herein fall within my personal knowledge, unless the context indicates otherwise, and are true and correct.
3. I am a refugee from Zimbabwe. I have been in South Africa for six years. I fled Zimbabwe in 2007 with my only child, a boy, who was one year old at the time. I fled because my husband, who was involved in politics, was killed by Zanu PF supporters.
4. I have lived in Khayelitsha for six years. At first I stayed in Site C, but then I moved to [REDACTED]. I live in a shack with my child, in the backyard of my landlord and his wife.
5. I am a disabled person. I only have one functional hand. My left hand was severely burnt and damaged in a car accident in 1990, when I was still living in Zimbabwe.

E.T. *[Signature]*

Because of this disability, I have not been able to find any work. I have been told that because I am a refugee, I cannot get a disability grant.

6. On 23 July 2013, in the morning, I was kidnapped by a taxi driver in [REDACTED]. He was not known to me. I was on my way to Site C, to catch a taxi to go to Parklands to go and see my friend [REDACTED], who helps me with money from time to time. When I got into the taxi I gave the driver R20. I was the only customer in the taxi, and was sitting right behind him. He drove on for a short time and then he stopped. I thought he was stopping for a customer, but when I looked up I saw that he had not stopped for a customer. He turned to me and told me to hand over my cell phone and the rest of my money. He told me that he would stab if I didn't cooperate, and showed me his knife. I was very scared then, and felt sure I would be killed. I gave him the cell phone but I had no more money left to give him. He then drove with me to Mitchell's Plain, where he raped me in the taxi, which he parked in some bushes. He said that if I tried to cry out or fight back he would stab me. I felt very scared for my life.
7. After he had raped me he got out of the taxi and left me there. I saw a woman walking in the street and called her over. I told her what had happened to me, and she called the police in Mitchell's Plain. Some officers from the Mitchell's Plain station came to collect me, and took me to the Mitchell's Plain station.
8. At the station a female police officer took my statement. Before she took my statement she told me that they would be transferring me to Harare station. I told her that it would be useless to transfer me there because I had been turned down

there twice already for other things. Once at Site B station and once at Harare station.

9. In 2012 I went to Site B police station to report a case of harassment. I was being harassed by the lady whose daughter was pregnant by my sister's son. She wanted maintenance money from me. The police at Site B told me that they do not help foreigners like me, and that they were only there to help South Africans. As a result of not being able to get help from the Site B police station, I decided to move to [REDACTED], to get away from my harasser.
10. On 3 July 2013 I was robbed at knife point in my previous landlord's house, where I stayed at the time. Three young men burst into the house and came straight to me. They demanded that I hand over my cell phone, bag and money. Then they left. The landlord then summarily terminated my lease. The next day I called the police on my sister's phone and I told them I had been robbed the previous night. I also told them that the young men who robbed me were still in the community and I had seen them and knew where they were. The police told me that they would send someone to come and catch the robbers. When they arrived I pointed out the robbers, but the police officers just did not arrest them or even approach them. They did not give me an explanation for why they would not catch the robbers or even question them. They just told me to move out of my landlord's house. I felt terrible after this, because I realized that I am not safe, and that I cannot even turn to the police to help me.
11. It is because of these two previous experiences that I did not want my rape case to be transferred to Harare station. The officer at Mitchell's Plain station who took my

statement, however, assured me that they would talk to the Harare station and make sure that they will assist me. Mitchell's Plain did not issue me with a CAS number. Some Mitchell's Plain officers took me to Harare station on the same day.

12. When I got to Harare station, some officers there just took me straight to Simelela, where I got counselling, information about post-exposure prophylaxis, and a doctor's exam. They did a rape kit there. It was at Simelela that I was told by a counselor that a case would be opened, and I was told to go to Site B station. I was given a name and a phone number for an investigator there, and his name was [REDACTED]. I was told that [REDACTED] would call me when he was free so that he could come and take my statement.
13. After two weeks of hearing nothing, [REDACTED] called me and told me to come to Site B station. He took my statement again there. He did not give me a copy of this statement, or a CAS number. After he took me statement, he told me that within a few days my case would be officially opened and I would get a message on my phone to confirm that. But I never received that message.
14. On 14 August 2013 I saw the man that had raped me in the area where I lived. I sent a message to [REDACTED]. By the time [REDACTED] arrived, the man had gone. [REDACTED] then drove around with me to see if we could find the man, but we did not see him again.
15. On 8 September 2013 I sent [REDACTED] a message asking him how far he is with the investigation of my case. He then just responded:

*"██████████, I'm stuck, because I don't have any information to trace, identify and arrest our suspect."*

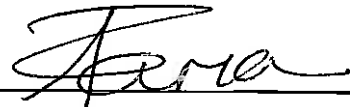
16. I then asked if he had spoken to the taxi owner. At this point I knew that the taxi had been traced and the owner found, because that happened on the same day I was raped. ██████████ responded by saying that he would set up a meeting with me.
17. However, up until today I have not heard anything further from ██████████, or received any further information from any police officer about my case.
18. This makes me feel very helpless and traumatised. When I was raped I was sure I was going to be killed. I was so scared. The man who did that to me is still out there. I had to move house again because I just did not feel safe anymore. I trusted ██████████ to help me, but now that trust is gone. I even suspect that he never opened my case because I did not get a CAS number. He is no longer taking my phone calls. I feel completely ignored. I feel that it is also because I am a foreigner.
19. At this time I really feel it is useless to go to the police in Khayelitsha. I would not encourage anyone to report crime to those police stations in Khayelitsha. I do not think that they take rape seriously.

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E.T.

I certify that:

1. The Deponent acknowledged to me that:
  - 1.1 She knows and understands the contents of this declaration;
  - 1.2 She has no objection to taking the prescribed oath;
  - 1.3 She considers the prescribed oath to be binding on her conscience.
2. The Deponent thereafter uttered the words, "I swear that the contents of this declaration are true, so help me God".

The Deponent signed this declaration in my presence at **CAPE TOWN** on this 13  
day of NOVEMBER **2013**.



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