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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE
INEFFICIENCY IN KHAYELITSHA AND A BREAKDOWN IN RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE IN KHAYELITSHA

AFFIDAVIT

L.N.

I, _____, the undersigned, state under oath in isiXhosa, immediately translated into English, that I am an unemployed adult male, with ID No: _____ date of birth: _____ and am 28 years old, residing at _____

Tel(h): None

(w): None

Cell: _____

do hereby state that:

1. I live at _____ I used to work for the City of Cape Town but my contract expired end of August 2012. I volunteer with the Community Police Forum (CPF) over the weekend (Friday – Sunday) from 19h00 to 00h00.
2. I have learnt a lot and am gaining a lot of experience by volunteering with the CPF, in 2011. We monitor places selling alcohol in Site B very closely. The taverns who have license to sell alcohol close at midnight while those that do not have licenses tend to close early in the evening, by around 19h00.

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3. My experience in working jointly with the police at Site B Police Station as part of the CPF has been very good. When I call the police when there is a problem or trouble the police arrive almost immediately. I call the police for cases from the community while I'm patrolling. They always respond quickly.
4. The police arrested one man from Site B for striking. The community were not happy because many were involved in the striking action but the police only arrested that one man. They took that one because he was a leader in the community and this led to breakdown in the communication between the police and the community at Site B. The community went to the police station to toy-toy to demand their leader from the police. I believe that the breakdown in the communication between the police and the community is to blame on the community.
5. The best way I believe things can be improved is that the community must approach the police and ask that they resolve the issues between them.
6. When I do a meeting as a member of the CPF other members of the community also indicate that they want to get involved and they leave their I.D numbers and addresses so that they can be contacted again.

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