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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

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, .....  
the undersigned, state under oath in **English**, that I am an adult female,  
with ID No: \_\_\_\_\_ with date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ years old, residing at \_\_\_\_\_ Harare  
Tel(h):..... (w):....., cel \_\_\_\_\_  
unemployed, \_\_\_\_\_  
..... do hereby  
state that:

On 1 March 2008, round about 22h00 in the evening I heard a noise  
outside my house. I was already in bed. I went out to have a look. I  
saw a police van. I saw two policemen pushing \_\_\_\_\_ a friend of my  
son \_\_\_\_\_ into the van. I asked the policeman what was going on.  
The policeman told me to go away, I am not needed there. I told the  
policeman that this is my property and I have to be here. This is  
when I saw my daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ in a police car. I went to  
the car and asked her what is going on. The policeman came to me

and pushed me away and took out a pepper spray and sprayed me in my eyes. I started rubbing my eyes and went inside to sort out my eyes. My eyes were painful and scratching. I did not know what was happening with my daughter. It is only the next day that I saw \_\_\_\_\_ and started panicking about where my daughter was. I asked where my daughter was and he said that they were together at the police station during the night, but that he was released in the morning and he does not know what happened to her. I sent my sister's son to go to the police station to find out what happened to my daughter. He came back and told me that she had been arrested for fighting with the police and that she would appear in court on Monday. The following day I went to work and told my boss about what happened and she advised me to open a case because of being sprayed at my age at my house for no reason.

I went to the Harare police station on the Friday and reported the case. I said that I wanted to make a case against the police. Nobody was willing to help us. A lady police officer said she was willing to take the statement as there is no reason why they cannot help people who want to make a case against the police. The police took my statement and gave me a case number which is Harare \_\_\_\_\_008. All four of us were present, including my son and daughter and

\_\_\_\_\_ and all four of us gave statements. We identified M \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (a reservist – who was the lady my daughter had a fight with) as the police officers involved in the incident.

Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ my employer kept on contacting the police to find out what was happening. A superintendent came to see me at Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ house and told me he would come to Harare police station. The police then began asking questions. A captain A \_\_\_\_\_ began investigating the matter. He took me to the senior prosecutor and told the prosecutor what happened. Captain \_\_\_\_\_ was very helpful. After some time he came to me and told me that the prosecutor dismissed the case because they could not find the people involved in the matter. They said that \_\_\_\_\_ had been suspended (although my son saw him after that in a police car) and that they could not trace the other people involved. That was the last I heard until, Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ suggested that I come and talk to the Commission and see what can be done.

“I swear that the contents of this statement are true so help me God.”

I know and understand the contents of this statement.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I consider the prescribed oath as binding on my conscience.

Signature of deponent

I certify that the abovementioned was taken by me in English/.....  
and ~~immediately translated into English~~, and that the deponent has  
acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this  
statement. I certify that regulations contained in GN R1258 have been  
complied with. This statement was sworn/~~affirmed~~ before me and the  
deponent's signature was placed thereon in my presence on  
25/09/12.....(date) at..HARARE, KHAYELITSHA.....(place)

*Hermione*

Commissioner of oath

HERMIONE THERESA CRONJE  
ADMITTED ADVOLATE

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