

Friday, May 14, 2018

Brig. Hangwani Mulaudzi,

Thank-you for your response regarding my request to interview Col. Jooste. As he is not available for an on-camera interview, I would like him to please then answer the following questions.

**Background:** On 9 February 2016 at SAPS headquarters, during a meeting held with an American arms expert, SAPS decided to assign Col. Jooste, as the investigating officer, and the Hawks structure to a sensitive case on illegal firearms trafficking linked to South Africa's poaching crime scenes. Czech Republic manufactured guns are alleged to be trafficked via Portugal and Mozambique before being registered as evidence attached to South Africa police case files with regards to poaching and wildlife crime.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. What is the current status of the CZ firearms and rhino cartel case?
2. What was the extent of your interactions with the American arms expert, Ms. Kathi Lynn Austin who was instructed by SAPS to engage you and the Hawks structure as her focal point for handing over evidentiary files and exhibits? (There was a lot of communication: numerous calls, emails, whatsapps, messages trying to establish communication. But this appears to have been one-sided.)
3. Was there a definitive decision to not engage with Ms. Austin, who had been instructed by SAPS HQ to engage with you as the investigating officer on the firearms trafficking rhino cartel case, and if so, what were the reasons?
4. Several alleged kingpin suspects brought to the attention of the Hawks by Ms. Austin include for example the South African owners of Investcon Ltd/Limnetzi Safari, namely Mr. Johan Rudolph Stoltz and his father Petrus Gabriel Stoltz, and are known to operate a multitude of businesses in both Mozambique and South Africa. Has there been further investigation?
5. In October 2016 Ms. Austin sought your assistance to engage with Portuguese police authorities, whether direct or through Interpol, with the aim to stop an alleged illicit arms shipment to Mozambique destined for a rhino cartel to be used in crimes in South Africa. Did you assist? And, if not, for what reason?

6. There is evidence that some weapons from that shipment subsequently turned up on rhino poaching scenes in South Africa, and were attached as evidence to police case files/dockets. As this rhino-linked firearms trafficking case was assigned to you and the Hawks structure, and yet, firearms from this trafficking ring continue to show up being used in crimes in South Africa, what has been the follow through, and would he be willing to accept further evidence from Ms. Austin with regards to this case?
7. Are the Hawks concerned and what do you have to say about the cross border firearms trafficking networks linked to rhino poaching crimes in South Africa?

Should Col. Jooste prefer an on-camera interview – the latest we can accommodate that is by May 16, 2018. Otherwise, we would need to gain a written response by **May 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, Friday, 12 midday/noon.**

Thank-you in advance for your consideration.



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