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THE PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY CONDEMNS ALLEGED JANE FURSE SECURITY OFFICERS BRUTALITY INCIDENT

PRETORIA – 16 April 2013. The Director, Manabela Chauke of the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) has strongly condemned the alleged assault of an old woman by security officers in Jan Furse, Sekhukhune, Limpopo.

The alleged incident was reported as head line news by the Daily Sun newspaper and a video clip which has gone viral in electronic social network. The incident is an embarrassment to the Private Security Industry as a whole and does not represent the conduct befitting that of a security officer.

He called on the community to report such violent acts to the authorities. "We appeal on members of our society and the industry to report such act of lawlessness and criminality to the South African Police Services and PSIRA for investigation."

Security officers are bound by a code of conduct which amongst others provides that," A private security provider may not infringe any rights of a person as provided for in the Bill of Rights." The code of conduct further, enjoins security officers to act in a manner that promotes good discipline in the private security industry.

Security officers are the first line of defence when it comes to the protection of property and person, and are expected to uphold the law of the country. They must refrain from taking the law in their hands when they have apprehended suspects.

"Our investigation team has begun investigating this incident in order to trace the victim, perpetrators and the security company involved. We will get to the bottom of this act of lawlessness and bring those involved to book." added the Director.

The PSIRA Act makes provision for a disciplinary process, including the suspension and withdrawal of the registration of security officers who may be found guilty of misconduct.

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