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## **PSIRA inspectors busts illegal security businesses in Klerksdorp**

Several security businesses were busted during a planned joint operation conducted by Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) and SAPS in Klerksdorp in the North West for illegal operations and non compliance with the Private Security Industry Regulation Act, 2001.

During the joint operation, SAPS criminally charged and arrested the business owners of Mapogo A Mathamaga-Noordwes, Pacific Security, Bullet Force Security and Cheetah Security Services for operating illegally and not being registered with the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA). According to the PSIA Act of 2001, a security service provider may not use or make any person available for the rendering of a security service, whether directly or indirectly, unless such a person-

- is registered as a security service provider in terms of the Act; and
- has successfully completed the security training required in terms of law in respect of the rendering of the relevant security service.

The basic object of these requirements is to achieve a trustworthy, legitimate and competent private security industry which will assist in the protection and promotion of the public interest.

Police also arrested Security Officers that were employed by Cheetah Security and Pacific Security after it was discovered that they were practicing without being properly trained and registered with the Authority. Later, Klerksdorp police station released the security officers after paying an admission of guilt fine.

According to Mr Philani Mthethwa, Deputy Director: Law Enforcement for PSIRA “the Authority is committed to ensure that all businesses are duly registered as stipulated in section 20 (1) which states that no person may in any manner render a security service for remuneration, reward, a fee or benefit, unless such a person is registered as a security service provider in terms of the PSIR Act. We are determined to clamp down all non-complying private security service providers; but we are also relying on the public and consumers of the private security services to partner with us in ensuring that they only contract businesses and security officers who fully compliant and registered with PSIRA”.

To verify if the business or security officer in your area is duly registered with PSIRA you can contact our customer desk on **086 133 3850** for assistance.

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