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# Media Statement

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### **PSiRA BEMOANS THE CALOUS KILLINGS OF SECURITY OFFICERS AND CALLS FOR RESTRAINT**

**Centurion- The Private Authority Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA)** is frightenedly appalled by the recent spate of murders against Security Officers.

Even more outrageous is the fact that most of these criminal acts are brazen and leave families deprived of breadwinners, inconsolable loved ones and permanent scars.

The following chronicled cases were reported to the **South African Police Service** whose competency is to investigate murder and such heinous crimes:

#### **Eastern Cape**

29 December 2019: A Port Elizabeth Security Officer, Roderick Erasmus (49), was gunned down when responding to a business robbery at a shopping store.

23 January 2020: Dumisa Tyendisio (29), has been shot and killed in Motherwell, Port Elizabeth. The cold-blooded murder was for his firearm.

#### **Western Cape**

5 January 2020: A nightclub security service provider owner (47) was killed near N1, Goodwood, in Cape Town, in an apparent hit.

29 January 2020: A Security Officer (37) working for Fidelity Security was brutally gunned down in Marcus Garvey, Philippi East, whilst escorting a bread delivery truck.

16 June 2020: 2 Eskom-contracted Security Officers shot dead in Philippi East, Cape Town, while escorting Eskom technicians.

## **KwaZulu-Natal**

25 May 2020: A Security Officers working for Royal Security was brutally ambushed in Msunduzi Municipality.

## **Gauteng**

20 January 2020: A RAM Courier service Security Officer was shot dead in Pretoria.

1 February 2020: A Security Officer was killed in a gunfire allegedly involving 5 seriously armed men, in Elandsfontein near Tembisa. The motive of the killing is a subject of SAPS investigation.

12 March 2020: A Security Officer was killed in Springs whilst he and his colleague responded to a robbery at the African Evangelical Church, Dersley Park.

29 March 2020: A man believed to be a Security Officer (45) was gunned down in Vosloorus in an apparent retaliation against enforcement of Covid-19 regulations operation conducted by Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department. Circumstances of how he was involved in a Police operation are still sketchy.

2 April 2020: 3 Security Officers killed in Hammanskraal allegedly after confronting their employer regarding unpaid wages. Suspect in custody.

27 May 2020: Johannesburg (Seven Arrows Security)

## **Mpumalanga**

19 June 2020: Mthayisa Primary School, Kabokweni-it is reported botched robbery.

Thankfully, in most of these crimes the police have already made some breakthrough.

“What is even more concerning to the Authority about the trail of these cold-blooded killings and attempted murder cases is that most of the deceased are young Security Officers. On behalf of the Authority and the private security industry, we convey our heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased. May the souls of departed Security Officers rest in eternal peace”- Manabela Sam Chauke, PSiRA CEO.

Mr Chauke has strongly condemned these barbaric fatal crimes and appealed to the public not to take the law into their own hands but instead assist the Police in ensuring that these monstrous criminals are apprehended. Furthermore, he also indicated that the Authority will implore the Minister of Police to institute a special inquiry to probe this apparent onslaught against private security officers.

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