

**MEDIA RELEASE**      PSA condemns allegations of illegal sale of identity documents by Department of Home Affairs employee

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted with extreme concern the circulation of social-media reports alleging that a PSA-affiliated shop steward at the Department of Home Affairs is involved in the illegal sale of South African identity documents to foreign nationals.

The PSA views these allegations in a serious light. The reported conduct, if proven true, strikes at the heart of public trust, undermines the integrity of the national identification system, and threatens the rule of law in South Africa.

Whilst the PSA is a representative Union open to all public servants in line with the constitutional right to freedom of association, such affiliation must not be misconstrued as endorsement of individual actions. The PSA cannot and will not be defined by the alleged misconduct of any member, regardless of position.

It is particularly concerning when such allegations are levelled against a shop steward. Shop stewards are expected to be the custodians of ethical conduct, champions of accountability, and ambassadors of the PSA and the broader public service. They are meant to set standards and not fall short of these. Allegations of this nature are, therefore, extremely disappointing and inconsistent with the values the PSA upholds.

The PSA does not condone any form of corruption, illegality, or unethical conduct. All public servants are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and professionalism. The PSA will continue to advocate for ethical governance and accountability across the public service, whilst reinforcing the importance of upholding the law and protecting the integrity of state institutions.

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