

MEDIA RELEASE South African Police Service officials arrest: PSA calls for due process to be followed

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) noted recent reports regarding the arrest of twelve senior officials of the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The PSA, as a Union committed to upholding the rule of law, ethical governance, and accountability in the public service, reiterates a firm stance against corruption, misconduct, or abuse of power. These developments, whilst deeply concerning, underscore the critical importance of maintaining integrity in law enforcement institutions that are entrusted with safeguarding the public.

At the same time, the PSA emphasises the fundamental principle that all people are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The PSA calls for due process to be followed without prejudice, ensuring that the rights of the accused are respected throughout legal proceedings. The PSA further urges the relevant authorities to conduct a thorough, transparent, and expeditious investigation. Any officials found guilty must be held accountable in accordance with the law, whilst those wrongfully implicated must be cleared without delay to protect their professional reputation and livelihood.

This incident again highlights the urgent need to strengthen internal controls, oversight mechanisms, and ethical leadership in the SAPS and the broader public service. The PSA is committed to working with stakeholders to promote clean governance, protect whistleblowers, and restore public confidence in state institutions. The PSA will continue to monitor developments to ensure fair labour practices and the protection of workers' rights.

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