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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 1679**

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**1679. Mrs C Phillips (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What are the full relevant details pertaining to CAS 31/01/2014 which emanates from a complaint that was laid by a certain person (name furnished) at the Swartruggens Police Station regarding allegations of water theft at Polkadraai on 31 January 2014;

whether any investigation into the alleged theft has been conducted despite the numerous times that the complainant followed-up which seems as if no investigations has been conducted and no arrests were made; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the investigation;

what are the reasons that no arrests have been made? NW2069E

**REPLY**:

The complainant, in Swartruggens, CAS 31/01/2014, opened a case of theft of water against the Kgetleng Municipality and the Department of Water Affairs.

The investigation was finalised and the case docket was linked with three other cases, due to the similar nature of the complaints and were referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), in Mahikeng, on 13 August 2015, for a decision.

The case dockets were received back, from the DPP, on 13 August 2016, with a directive to obtain additional statements.

On 9 February 2017, the case dockets were referred back to the DPP and received back from the office of the DPP, in August 2020. There are currently two warning statements outstanding, which are in the process of being obtained.

As soon as the two warning statements have been obtained, the case dockets will be returned to the DPP, for a decision on prosecution.

Reply to question 1679 recommended

**GENERAL NATIONAL COMMISSIONER: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE
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Reply to question 1679 approved

**MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP
DATE**: 26/08/2020

Question Asked By: Mrs C Phillips
Question Asked To: Minister of Police

Question:

On 31 January 2014, a complaint was laid for theft of water at Polkadraai by WDF Rochér. The case number being 31/01/2014

Although Mr Rochér has followed up on numerous occasions, it appears that no investigation has been undertaken and no arrests made.

Please can the minister provide any and all information pertaining to this case and give reasons why no arrests have been made.

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