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QUESTION 2225

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2225. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police

What are the details of the (a) measures and (b) legal recourse that the SA Police Service have in place to prevent the media from publishing important and confidential information of cases before suspects are taken for identification parade, charged and taken to court, as the practice jeopardises the investigations?

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REPLY:

The South African Police Service relies on discussions with the media to (a) prevent the disclosure of sensitive information. If these discussions are not successful, the SAPS rely on criminal charges such as defeating or obstructing the course of justice against a journalist. If these measures fail, the SAPS may approach a court for an interdict, provided that all efforts to resolve the matter had failed.

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