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QUESTION 2431

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2431. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

With reference to a case opened by the family of Lebogang Petrus Marais from Taung Village in the North West, who was allegedly killed inside Pep Store in Taung following allegations that the deceased had stolen items from the store, what (a) is the cause of the delay in the (i) investigation of the case and (ii) referral for prosecution of persons involved in the death of the deceased since his brutal death in 2017 and (b) measures has he put in place to ensure that the police vigorously and expeditiously investigate these types of cases in which the police seem less interested to investigate?

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REPLY:

The correct surname of the deceased is Marakias and not Marais, as reflected in the question.

(a)(i) A case was registered on 2017-04-05 and it went to the court, for a decision, on 2017-08-21. The J56 was issued by the magistrate, on 2017-10-20 and the finding was that nobody could be held responsible for the death of Mr Marakias. There was no delay in the investigation of this case. A copy of the J56 court document is attached.

(a)(ii) Not applicable. There is no prosecution in this case.

(b) The following measures are in place to ensure that to ensure that the South African Police Service (SAPS) vigorously and expeditiously investigate all types of cases:

- 24-hour inspections, during which instructions are given to investigating officers, to enable them to expedite investigations.
- Interventions and inspections at police stations, to ensure that all instructions in terms of the investigation are complied with and to ensure

that the investigation, specifically in respect of these types of inquest cases, are properly conducted and finalised within the correct period.

- Members are given brought forward dates in order for officers at Station, District and Province levels, to monitor progress, in terms of the investigation of the case dockets.

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