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TO BE COLLECTED

ATTENTION: CAPTAIN ONTONG

Dear Sir

RE: STATEMENT

1. Kindly find enclosed initial statement of Colonel Prinsloo
2. We are instructed to stress that this is an initial statement and that our client is willing to cooperate in this investigation.
3. The writer contact details are on this letter head and requests that you do so going forward.
4. Please note the writer's cellular number 082 5539252

Yours faithfully

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STATEMENT

I, the undersigned

CHRIS LODEWYK PRINSLOO
(IDENTITY NUMBER 590902 5030 08 8)
(FORCE NUMBER 0086328-9)

do hereby make oath and say that:

1 The facts to which I attest are both within my own personal knowledge and are to the best of my knowledge and belief true and correct.

2 I am a Colonel in the employ of the South African Police Services.

3 My contact details are as follows:-

Home Telephone number: 016 428 4343

Fax number: 016 428 4343

E-mail: nmprinsloo@gmail.com

Cellular number: 072 544 7298.

4 My attorney's contact details are as follows:-

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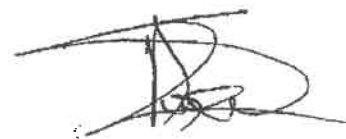
- 5 I make this statement freely and voluntarily after having been warned of my rights in respect of charges of possession of unlicensed ammunition and possession of suspected stolen property.
- 6 I have also been advised by one Captain Ontong, telephone number 082 460 1200, of the South African Police Services that I am a suspect in an investigation into the alleged sale of firearms emanating from destruction stores (surrendered and recovered firearms) of the South African Police Services, to third parties.
- 7 I have cooperated with the South African Police Services in as much as when I was initially arrested on the 16th of January 2015, I made certain disclosures to the South African Police Services, which were noted by the Investigating Officer, and I thereafter participated in a South African Police Services operation whereby I was handed firearms, removed from police destruction stores with the purposes of conducting a transaction similar to those that I had previously conducted, in order to entrap one of the persons to whom I have been selling firearms illegally.
- 8 This transaction took place during the evening of the 16th of January 2015 in Arcon Park Vereeniging, and was successful.
- 9 The details have been fully noted by the Investigating Officer and other members of the investigating team and I do not propose to repeat such details here other than to state that my conduct demonstrated my willingness to cooperate with the South African Police Services' investigation.

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- 10 This statement is made with two purposes in mind.
- 11 The first is to signify my intent to cooperate fully with the South African Police Services and secondly it is made with a view to negotiating either a plea bargain or indemnity with the South African Police Services.
- 12 I wish to stress that I am not aware of the full extent of the investigation against me and third parties, and what is being investigated.
- 13 This statement is therefore intended to be a general statement giving an indication of where such activities took place and over what time period.
- 14 It is my intent that should the *bona fides* of this statement be accepted, that my attorney of record and I sit down and answer specific questions to be posed by the South African Police Services to assist in the investigation of the South African Police Services.

BACKGROUND

- 15 I have been involved in the control of firearms in the Gauteng Province since approximately 2002. I was promoted to full Colonel Provincial Commander in 2005.
- 16 Prior to this I was a station commissioner in the Vaal Triangle.
- 17 I met a Colonel DC Naidoo in approximately 2002 when I was involved in the destruction of forfeited firearms.

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- 18 Around about this time the destruction of firearms was de-centralised from the office of the National Commissioner to the provinces in order to streamline the destruction process.
- 19 I was tasked with the responsibility of supervising and documenting firearms in police stores in the Vaal area, i.e. at station level as well as at district and regional level and Colonel Naidoo was tasked with removing these firearms once documented, to a safekeeping facility in Silverton Pretoria.
- 20 Thereafter Colonel Naidoo was responsible for the destruction of such firearms. In approximately 2008, the details of which I am not exactly sure, Colonel Naidoo complained to me one evening, whilst under the influence of alcohol, about being short of money, yet he was sitting on what he termed to be a gold mine.
- 21 He said that he had a whole safe full of money and no market.
- 22 At this point Colonel Naidoo had complete control of the safe in Silverton in as much as he had the only keys for such safe.
- 23 At the time Colonel Naidoo was assisted by Captain Taljaardt, Captain van Zyl and another Captain known as Andre, whose surname I cannot recall.
- 24 After this discussion I put a dealer in Vereeniging in contact with Colonel Naidoo. This dealer's name is Allen Raves, telephone number 016 454 8715 or 082 559 7349.
- 25 Allen Raves is also a registered firearm collector and a



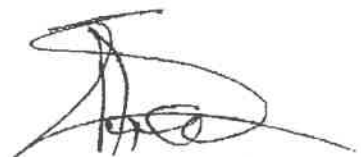
National Heritage Act inspector of firearms.

- 26 I, Raves and Colonel Naidoo who gave access to the safe in Silverton, then started going through the firearms in the safe and Raves paid Colonel Naidoo for various firearms that he selected as capable of sale or alteration.
- 27 I am not sure what Raves did after that, other than that he swapped numbers on existing firearms to legitimise the undocumented or unlicensed firearms that were in the Silverton safe.
- 28 After this process commenced, R1 automatic or semi-automatic rifles were also included in this process.
- 29 I believe that the records of the dealership of Allen Raves, known as Gama Arms, would provide the details of what firearms he sold that possibly had been altered because these details would appear in his register. I suggest SAPS focus on .303 rifles and semi-automatic military firearms. I can assist in this regard.
- 30 Raves would pay me a "commission" once he had sold the firearms. This would always be in cash and I did not keep a record of these payments.
- 31 Colonel Naidoo would always show Raves, and on some occasions myself, what guns were available in as much as he had already checked the firearms on the computer and had insured that they were not government firearms because if the wrong firearm was destroyed, it would have raised a flag, because Government firearms were supposed to be returned



to the relevant Government department, such as the police defence force etc.

- 32 At the same time Allen Raves also began to associate with a person with known right wing connections, and I formed the view that Raves might be selling unlicensed semi-automatic rifles to the right wing, so I ceased being involved in any transactions where he purchased firearms from Colonel Naidoo.
- 33 Thereafter, an old acquaintance that I had known in the Vaal Triangle, known as Hunter Laher, contacted me in 2010. Once again I am not sure of the exact date but he advised me that he was looking for untraceable firearms to supply to security officials operating on ships that needed firearms for the protection of the ships from piracy.
- 34 I know that Laher owned a number of restaurants in Cape Town but I did not know any other of his legal or illegal business dealings.
- 35 I discussed the proposal with Colonel Naidoo and it was agreed that Colonel Naidoo would select batches of handguns, predominately of 9mm calibre, that were removed from the police computer and he would supply me with these batches of firearms.
- 36 I sold them on to Hunter Laher either by way of delivering them to the person in Vereeniging that was arrested on the 16th of January 2015, or I would on occasion travel to Cape Town and deliver them to him personally.

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- 37 I sold a large number of firearms in this manner, divided into approximately six shipments (approximately 2 000 firearms), where I was paid in cash and I would split the cash between myself and Colonel Naidoo).
- 38 In 2011 we were instructed to clear out the Silverton safe and at this point this is the only time I had direct access to the Silverton safe.
- 39 I did not remove any firearms during this time, because I believed that the safe was under surveillance.
- 40 During the time that I had the keys to the safe, Colonel Naidoo was falsifying paperwork in respect of forfeited or confiscated firearms in order to have it appear that these firearms had been destroyed. Thereafter these firearms could be sold.
- 41 I do not have any records of the transactions that I entered into but I do believe that Colonel Naidoo kept a record of these transactions in the computer that he kept at home.
- 42 In May 2013 I delivered the final shipment of firearms to Laher at a McDonalds in Cape Town.
- 43 Naidoo and I split any monies that we received equally from the sale of firearms in the custody of the South African Police Services.
- 44 The last consignment consisted of 355 9mm pistols and was the fourth delivery to Hunter Laher in Cape Town, to a McDonalds in the same complex as the Twinpeak Spur and

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Restaurant owned by Laher.

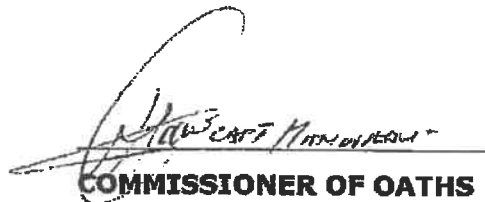
- 45 I made a number of deliveries to Laher's agent in Arcon Park in much smaller number of approximately 30 handguns.
- 46 I would not have been able to conduct these transactions without the direct intervention of Colonel Naidoo who had full knowledge of these transactions.
- 47 As I have indicated above, this is meant to be a preliminary statement to assist the South African Police Services with their investigation and I remain willing to answer specific questions, in the presence of my attorney.



DEPONENT

SIGNED AT VANDERBIJLPARK ON THIS THE 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015, THE DEPONENT HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT, THAT IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO TAKING THE PRESCRIBED OATH AND THAT THE PRESCRIBED OATH WILL BE BINDING ON HIS CONSCIENCE.

BEFORE ME



COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Guns 'may have gone to rightwingers'

FATIMA SCHROEDER

FEARS that semi-automatic rifles may have ended up in the hands of rightwingers have been expressed by a former Vereeniging police colonel who is at the centre of an Operation Combat investigation into the illegal supply of firearms to the province's most feared gangs.

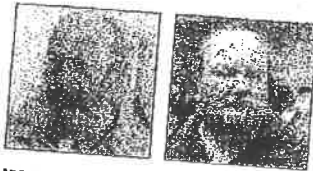
Chris Prinsloo expressed his concerns in a statement he made to police earlier this year, with the aim of negotiating a plea bargain or securing indemnity for his role in the smuggling of arms from the police's firearms store in Gauteng, where firearms are sent for destruction.

He faces a string of charges, including corruption, racketeering and theft, and is out on bail along with his co-accused Allen Raves.

Raves is a gun dealer in Gauteng who is also a National Heritage Act inspector of firearms.

In his statement, which is before the Western Cape High Court, Prinsloo said he introduced Raves to a colleague who had control of the safe where firearms were kept.

Raves was given access to the safe and selected firearms,



IN TROUBLE: Christiaan Prinsloo, left, and Alan Raves.

including R1 automatic or semi-automatic rifles, which he thought were capable of being sold or altered. He was paid a commission once they were sold.

However, Prinsloo said that Raves began to associate with someone with known right-wing connections, and that he suspected that semi-automatic rifles were sold to rightwingers.

This prompted him to cease his dealings with Raves.

However, he continued to supply arms after he was contacted by an old acquaintance in Cape Town, who he identified as Hunter Laher.

Laher, a restaurant owner, needed the firearms for security officials operating on ships, so they could protect themselves from pirates.

Prinsloo said he sold 2 000 firearms, in six shipments, for

which he was paid in cash.

He shared the money with his colleague, who allegedly falsified paperwork so that it appeared that the firearms had been destroyed, he said.

The final consignment, which consisted of 355 pistols, was delivered at a McDonalds restaurant in Cape Town in May 2013, he said.

Prinsloo's statement was attached to an application which the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) lodged in the High Court for a restraint order, to enable them to attach assets to satisfy a later confiscation order in the event that Prinsloo was convicted.

In an affidavit forming part of the restraint application, AFU investigator Ricardo Rhoda said the investigation into the supply of firearms began when the police's ballistics unit in the Western Cape received 22 firearms which had been confiscated from gang members.

Police suspected that the guns may have been smuggled to the Western Cape from the firearms stores in Gauteng. During an inspection of the stores in August last year they found five firearms, in different stages of alteration.