

Three Durban bodyguards arrested

The Minister of Police, Mr Fikile Mbalula, congratulated the Hawks Unit after they arrested three bodyguards for allegedly possessing illegal firearms.

The Hawks members from Durban Organised Crime (National Bureau for Illegal Firearms Crimes and Priority Violent Crimes) and National Intervention Unit members were involved in securing the arrests.

"The Hawks remain our elite unit that combats, investigate and prevent serious organized crimes, serious commercial crimes and serious corruption committed both in public as well as private sector," Mbalula said.

The three are bodyguards for Mandeni Local Municipality mayor, Sphesihle Basil Zulu. Co-incidentally, these three bodyguards are in the employ of the same security company of the two gentlemen who were guarding the Regional Secretary of the ANC in eThekweni region. Their video went viral as they were showing off their firearms.

"I have engaged with PSIRA who are the custodian of security companies in our country. Surely we can't have security companies who have employees who are the law onto themselves. I need answers from PSIRA on what action they will take against this security company", Mbalula added.

Four pistols, one rifle and live rounds of ammunition were seized. The seized firearms will be sent for ballistic testing to ascertain if they were used in the commission of any crime in the country.

"People must understand that guns have caused many heartache in many families and brandishing of guns cannot be tolerated, I sincerely hope that people will desist showing off their guns and endangering society", Mbalula said.

The arrested suspects are aged 29, 39, and 40.

Syndicates defraud via fake tenders

Police in KwaZulu-Natal are warning people not to become victims of fake tenders. The SAPS is investigating cases of fraud, committed by fraudsters with the same modus operandi.

The police's Captain Nqobile Gwala said, "Criminals are utilising what appears to be letterheads belonging to government departments to defraud unsuspecting business owners.

The complainant makes purchases from the "supplier" and deposits its huge sums of money into a banking account. The initial amount for purchases is usually between R100,000-00 and R400,000-00.

The complainant is then influenced to make further purchases/deposits within a short space of time. After making 3-4 payments/purchases the complainant becomes suspicious

and makes a follow-up with the respective department. He/she then discover that the whole tender process was a scam and by this time he/she has already suffered huge financial losses.

We urge anyone who was defrauded in a similar manner to contact their nearest police station or Crime Stop number 08600 10111.

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Business owners are informed that they have been awarded tenders by Government Institutions/ Departments. Correspondence is submitted electronically to the complainant on what appears to be an official document", Gwala said.

The product which the business owner has to provide is/are usually items not commonly found. The complainant is directed to order the product/s from a specific fictitious manufacturer/supplier that is situated outside of the Province in relation to where the complainant operates his business.

The arrangement is that the supplier will then deliver the product to specific a Government Department in another

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