

Derby-Lewis wins against police minister House Breaking and planting evidence.

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Johannesburg - Gaye Derby-Lewis won her R1.3 m lawsuit against the police ministry, the Saturday Star reported.

Derby-Lewis was arrested for possession of illegal firearms and ammunition but was acquitted of all charges in 2003.

She is the wife of Clive Dery-Lewis who was convicted for his role in the assassination of SACP leader Chris Hani.

"I feel okay, I'm happy. They [police] do this often to many people. I'm just glad that justice has been served," she told the newspaper.

In her court papers, filed in the High Court in Pretoria, Derby-Lewis detailed how up to 15 police officers raided her home in Waterkloof Ridge on the day of her arrest.

She accused police of illegally entering her premises by jumping over the wall, kicking her door and bending her gate.

Police also damaged her African art.

She claimed over R10 450 for damages police caused at her home.

Derby-Lewis said she was told by Captain Maluleke that officials were looking for fugitives and the rifles belonged to her husband and son.

Acting Judge Andries Bason said Maluleke and his team acted without reasonable or probable cause.

Bason ordered the state to pay Derby-Lewis and her costs, the Saturday Star reported.

Zweli Mnisi, police ministry spokesperson said the SA Police Service respected the judicial system and their legal team would study the ruling.