

Police decline to comment on Hawks case

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Johannesburg - The Hawks and the police ministry declined to comment on Monday on allegations of police brutality in Sunnyside, Pretoria, levelled by a Hawks captain.

Ministry spokesperson Zweli Mnisi said he was not aware of the incident and could not comment.

Hawks spokesperson Captain Paul Ramaloko said he could not comment and referred queries to Gauteng spokesperson Brigadier Neville Malila, who could not immediately be reached for comment.

The Times reported on Monday that Hawks captain Cornelius Pettit intended suing the police minister for unlawful arrest.

Pettit, who was arrested earlier this month, claimed he was assaulted by police in custody, not fed, and had R20 000 stolen from him.

Pettit's lawyer Alwyn Griebenow told the newspaper his client was working undercover in Pretoria meeting suspected illegal gold dealers in Sunnyside when police swooped on him.

He and an informant were detained at the Sunnyside police station.

Pettit claims he was treated so badly that he no longer wanted to be associated with the police.

Isaiah Baloyi - March 25, 2013 at 12:45

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Lets face the brutal facts.If Police can treat their own to such an extent,as is in the case of Pettit,imagine what an ordinary civilian like u and me would go through in the hands of these so called "protectors and servers".Are they here to protect and serve or are they brutalising and murdering citizens of this country?Shame to the SAPS!!

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[Leora Lipka](#) - March 25, 2013 at 12:46

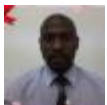
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This should "blow the lid off" this can of worms, but already there are those who " decline to comment" / "not available for comment".. it will all be tried to be kept out of the press...and hushed up.

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[Nkoneni Albert Netshiendeulu](#) - March 25, 2013 at 13:20

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I smell the rat; i am sure there is something the police ministry is hiding. Why arrest him while on duty trying and curb the ramparting selling of illegal drugs. Some1 somewhere within cANCer is involved in this illegal drug trafficking.

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[sean.otto.9](#) - March 25, 2013 at 13:25

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Illegal Drugs ?

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[Ryan7X7](#) - March 25, 2013 at 13:49

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What's your point Sean? I reckon it's quite clear he is referring to those drugs that are not legal, hence illegal. Most things sold by a pharmacy are drugs and are legal. Most drugs causing police to investigate - cocaine, heroine etc are illegal. So, your point is....what?

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[Michael Blignault](#) - March 25, 2013 at 13:57

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Not to mention the incident of the SARS case [alleged] where the woman was provided a R1m per year job and she has contacts with the biggest [alleged] drug dealer in RSA.

That could be Seans point and most certainly I could agree with him.

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JB Stirrer - March 25, 2013 at 13:59

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Aren't all drugs "illegal"...

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Jacqui Daane Van Rensburg - March 25, 2013 at 13:21

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Glorious lot, aren't they?.

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Jamba - March 25, 2013 at 13:27

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Not aware of the incident...again?

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Lindani Zulu - March 25, 2013 at 13:46

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Just a white boy trying to make easy cash like the rest of them..this bastard is lying

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JB Stirrer - March 25, 2013 at 13:58

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So Lindani, you wish to racialise this - I wonder if black girl would utter the same if she was arrested, subjected to atrocities and raped in the cell? Would it then suffice to say that you are looking for a big pay-off and attention?

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Lindani Zulu - March 25, 2013 at 13:51

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Alex Ndoo - March 25, 2013 at 14:00

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The man arrested is an infiltrator from the Nats. He was there trying to make the ANC look bad. Luckily for the hapless citizens of South Africa, he was arrested and taken care of before he could undo the vast improvements the Democratic ANC have been making since 1994.

Once again Democracy wins over functional police and health services. And functioning schools.

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Faith Keabetswe Leburu - March 25, 2013 at 14:02

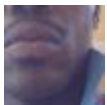
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SAPS cats have something to hide& needed to stop this guy.lol. S.A is a circus show!

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Salmon Matsepane - March 25, 2013 at 14:07

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I think Pettit must formulate another story cuz this one won't work,if he said he was doing an undercover duties he must tell us to whom did he reported,his seniors or commander?

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