

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Veera Ragulu Naidoo, ID 3406025060084, hereby state under oath and to the best of my recollection given that the events occurred more than forty (40) years ago:

- That I joined the South African Police Service on 1 March 1955 in Empangeni, Zululand. My force number was 139493E. I retired from service on 31 March 1992 after 37 years of service.
- I was appointed to the Security Branch in the 1970s (I state that I cannot recall the exact date). I left the branch between the early to mid-1980s. I was transferred to the Uniform Branch until my retirement. While I was in the Uniform Branch (immediately having left the Security Branch), I was appointed Station Commander at Chatsworth Police Station before finally transferring to District Head Quarters in Cato Manor.
- While serving in the Security Branch, (I faintly recall after being prompted) that I worked in the unit responsible for the surveillance of Trade Unions. In this regard, I recall that my responsibility in the main was attending meetings and gatherings involving Unions.
- The overall Special Branch Commander was a Brigadier Steenkamp and my immediate commander was Nayagar.
- My colleagues in the Branch were (without ranks) R. Perumal, S. Moodley, S. Govender, Harry, K. Raju, D. Pillay, M. Gopal and M. Benjamin and Jacobs.
- I can recall that the Head of this Section was Harold Miles.

- I state that the structure or set up of the Branch was such that our Head was Major Benjamin.
- During my service in the Security Branch, I held the ranks of Warrant Officer and Lieutenant. Prior to this I was a Constable, Sergeant, and Senior Sergeant. Thereafter a Major and Colonel.
- My duties in the Special Branch included field work, attending meetings, keeping observation on persons that the Branch may have identified, escorting Ministers (in the Tricameral Parliament).
- I cannot recall a specific nickname that may have been attributed to me, however my Indian colleagues called me Krish while other colleagues called me Chris. This was because my surname was registered as Kristnasamy which I subsequently changed to Naidoo.
- I cannot recall any direct involvement in the “Haffejee” investigation, as far as I can recollect, I was an escort.
- I can recall being present with Major Benjamin who was investigating Dr Haffejee that an incident did take place, the details of which are no longer clear. It has been a long time since that event took place and I have difficulty recalling the details. I do however recall Mohan Gopal being present.
- I was informed by Major Benjamin that Dr Haffejee “committed suicide.”
- I cannot recall any specific discussion regarding the death of Dr Haffejee, except that the late Dr was “found hanging in his cell.”
- I have no records in my possession relating to the late Dr Haffejee.
- I recall that there was a nurse who worked for Dr Haffejee at his surgery. I recall that she “was” the late Dr's girlfriend and that she later married Major Benjamin. Gopal was a colleague who worked in the Branch.

- I cannot recall the name of the State doctor who certified the death of Dr Haffejee and who within the Branch was the man liaison with the State Dr.
- I also state that I cannot with certainty recall which year this incident took place.
- I do not know the names of the informants or the handlers relating to the Dr Haffejee matter.
- As far as I was aware, all informants were paid.
- As far as I can recall, I was not involved in the cases of Rick Turner and Bayempini Mzizi and have no knowledge about these two cases.
- I cannot recall the name Constable Naude. I do however recall a Brown from the Branch.
- I state that this is what I can recall. In this regard, I have nothing to hide; neither do I wish to protect or implicate any person, whether deceased or alive.
- I can state that I have never assaulted any prisoner, whether criminal or political.
- I have done my duty with dedication and within the prescripts of law.

Veera Ragulu Naidoo

Done on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021

Witness 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Witness 2\_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner of Oaths\_\_\_\_\_