



## **EFF WELCOMES ARREST OF SIX SUSPECTS IN AKA MURDER CASE**

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) welcomes the arrest of the six individuals suspected of being involved in the tragic murder of Kiernan "AKA" Forbes and his long-time friend, Tebello "Tibz" Motsoane, in Durban last year. We commend the South African Police Service (SAPS), particularly Lieutenant General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi and his team, for their dedication and thorough investigation that led to these apprehensions.

On February 10th, 2023, tragedy struck as Forbes and Motsoane were ruthlessly gunned down outside a restaurant in Durban, South Africa. Lt Mkhwanazi confirmed the arrest of six individuals in connection to the shooting, all of whom are currently in custody. The initial arrests began last year, and most recently, the alleged masterminds were apprehended while hiding in a house in eSwatini over the weekend.

These six individuals played distinct roles in the heinous act, with one acting as the coordinator responsible for assembling the hitmen, acquiring resources, and disbursing payments. Among them were two shooters, one of whom was positioned inside the restaurant to observe Forbes.

Additionally, a spotter trailed Forbes from the airport upon his arrival, while another suspect supplied firearms and vehicles for the operation. It is worth noting that some of the suspects have connections to other murder cases. Furthermore, firearms connected to Forbes' murder and four vehicles were seized during the arrest.

The details surrounding the arrests, with the roles each suspect played, highlight the disturbing reality of organised crime in South Africa, particularly the prevalence of contract killings and the easy access to illegal firearms. This exposes the vulnerability

of innocent lives and the need for urgent action to dismantle these criminal networks, particularly in KwaZulu-Natal that has some of the highest murder rates in our country.

The EFF particularly commends Lt. General Mkhwanazi for his professional approach in handling this case. He refrained from turning this investigation into a media spectacle, focusing instead on achieving concrete results before engaging with the public. This approach stands in stark contrast to the sensationalisation of high profile cases often witnessed in our society.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the Forbes family during this difficult time. We hope these arrests bring them a semblance of peace and closure. However, justice is not fully served until all those involved are held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

The EFF urges the SAPS to maintain their focus on dismantling organised crime networks and tackling the illegal firearms trade. We call for a renewed commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all South Africans.


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