

SWORN STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, **Paul O'Sullivan**, a white adult male with ID No [REDACTED] and cellular number [REDACTED], state under oath in English as follows:

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I stay at [REDACTED]. The purpose of this statement is to open a criminal docket against Mr **Cedric Mthokozisi Nkabinde with ID No. [REDACTED]**, ("**Nkabinde**") for the offence of PERJURY, in that on or about 2025-11-19, whilst under oath and testifying at the ad hoc committee of parliament, he unlawfully and intentionally lied and in so doing, intentionally misled the parliamentary ad-hoc committee.

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I do not have a transcript of the lies to the ad-hoc committee. However, News 24 gave a running commentary on Nkabinde's testimony, which I attach hereto and will use this as the basis for my complaint. I attach the News 24 print out I have made, as **ANNEXURE 'A'** and will go through it in reverse order, starting at page 5.

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On page 5, Nkabinde falsely claims that I am "*in charge*" of the police. That is an outright lie, and Nkabinde knows it is an outright lie. He goes on to say that I am running the Police and the National Prosecuting Authority, ("**NPA**"). He goes even further to say that I am running the Independent Police Investigating Directorate ("**IPID**"), which he also knows to be an outright lie. He goes so far as to say I run IPID "*from the outside*", whatever that means.

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Near the top of page 5, Nkabinde alleges that I would go to IPID offices and interview witnesses there. This is another outright lie. I have **NEVER**, in my life interviewed any witness at IPID's offices. Later I will explain Nkabinde's motive for his lies to parliament.

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On page 4, Nkabinde alleges that I was involved in a project to ensure that General Phahlane was not appointed as the national commissioner. Nkabinde knows that to be a total lie, as he knows I had opened a docket with IPID, against Phahlane, for corruption. Phahlane is on trial for the very offences on which I opened a docket. He falsely informed parliament that I wanted Robert

McBride to be the commissioner of police, a known and intentional lie, which he later changes and says McBride himself wanted to be the commissioner of police.

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On page 3, Nkabinde runs with a complete lie that there was a 'meeting' with McBride, TWO white males from Afriforum and that Afriforum guaranteed that funds would be available, and that the purpose of what he now says is a 'plot' to bring down Phahlane and that I was 'spying' on Phahlane. I assume Nkabinde refers to a year end braai, at which various people were present, but NOT A SINGLE person from Afriforum was present. There was NO meeting, and there was no *'PLOT TO BRING DOWN PHAHLANE'*.

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There was a criminal investigation into Phahlane, of which at that time, Nkabinde was a part of as an employee of IPID. I will later explain how Nkabinde was bribed to become a member of the team of criminals Phahlane had assembled to save himself from prison.

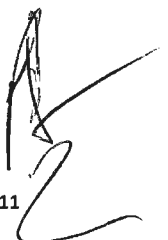
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Near the top of page 3, Nkabinde lies that I receive funding from overseas, to 'interfere with the justice cluster'. This is another fabrication under oath of Nkabinde, and he needs to be put on trial for intentionally lying to parliament. By this stage of the day, I had started receiving calls from journalist, who wanted me to comment on Nkabinde's lies to parliament, although the journalists did not refer to them as lies, they spoke as if Nkabinde was being truthful.

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I therefore sent the following messages to Nkabinde by WhatsApp, by way of exercising my right to call him out for being a liar, in the hope that he would alert parliament to his own lies:-

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| Get ready you lying crook I am going to make sure you spend some years in prison You were bribed by Mkhwanazi and Mabula. Now you will pay for your crimes GUARANTEED |
| just a small bit of the evidence that will see you in prison, where you belong. Go out and buy your Vaseline now, you lying piece of excrement |
| Lying under oath to parliament is a VERY serious offence |



With the second message I attached an affidavit dated 2018-07-24, deposed to by IPID Senior Investigator Humbulani Khuba. I attach a copy of said affidavit as **ANNEXURE 'B'**. I will come back to this item later.

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On page 1, of the News 24 extract, Nkabinde dishonestly alleges that I regularly fly to London and come back with 'spying equipment'. He has simply invented this lie, to embellish his other lies to parliament. I will go shortly into detail about his criminal motives, which are simply to intended to distract attention away from Nkabinde's long criminal career.

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Nkabinde finally goes on to dishonestly say that I own a '*grabber*', which is used for illegal purposes. This is a further intentional lie. Not only do I not have such a thing, but I have also never even seen such a thing as a 'grabber' and would not know if a piece of equipment known as a 'grabber' was sitting right in front of me.

THE CRIMINAL HISTORY OF NKABINDE

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In order to understand the motive of Nkabinde's crimes and his intentional lies to parliament, it is necessary to go back in time by **NINE** years, to a point where Nkabinde took it upon himself to join forces with a criminal enterprise headed by then acting commissioner of Police, Kgomoetso Phahlane ("**Phahlane**"). Although it would appear to be complex, I will try to explain it in a simplified manner. It is first important to set out who the role players were in this criminal enterprise: -

Phahlane I have already mentioned was the acting commissioner of police, unlawfully appointed to protect certain criminals involved in State Capture.

Ntlemeza Refers to Major General Ntlemeza, who was the then unlawfully appointed National Head of DPCI.

- Mabula** Refers to Major General Mabula who was the then acting head of DPCI in Northwest Province, who acted unlawfully, to try and prevent Phahlane from facing justice for his corruption.
- Mokotedi** Was the unlawfully appointed (Major General) Provincial Head of DPCI.
- Abrahams** Was the then unlawfully appointed National Director of Public Prosecutions “NDPP”.
- Mlotshwa** Jabulani Mlotshwa was the then unlawfully appointed deputy director of the Priority Crimes Litigation Unit.
- Mashuga** Michael Mashuga, a deputy director in Gauteng NPA, who took it upon himself to act for and on behalf Phahlane and Mabula, in committing the offence of defeating the ends of justice.
- Moonoo** Refers to then deputy national commissioner Lt General Moonoo.
- Nkabinde** I have already described above, was an investigator at IPID, who chose to join the criminal enterprise described above and, after being caught out, was suspended and faced dismissal and criminal charges and resigned from IPID to avoid the axe falling on him.

A CORRUPT (ACTING) COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (THE BACKGROUND)

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In mid-2014, I opened a criminal complaint against Moonoo, alleging fraud and corruption. I did this AFTER I discovered that he had engaged in corrupt activities. By January 2015, I had been informed that the police did not intend to deal with my complaint, so I referred the matter to IPID, and to Robert McBride in particular, then head of IPID (“McBride”). Throughout 2015, I had multiple engagements with McBride, concerning my complaint against Moonoo. The Moonoo docket is not terribly relevant to this matter, merely to show that this is how I found a professional association with McBride, in his role as Executive Director of IPID.



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During the period from March 2015, through January 2016, I opened multiple corruption dockets against the then Chair of SAA, Ms Dudu Myeni, for corruption. The police refused to investigate it and instead chose to unlawfully investigate me. I will come back to this later. In 2015, I formed the charity Forensics for Justice, which was formed to tackle government sponsored corruption, with a focus on the criminal justice system. I did this, because I realised that after Selebi had died, some of the corrupt police, he had appointed whilst he was Commissioner, had increased their power and were threatening South Africa's constitutional democracy with their corrupt crimes.

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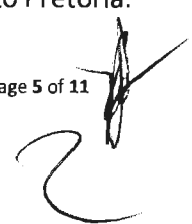
In January 2016, I opened a criminal complaint with IPID against Phahlane. I registered this case with IPID's McBride. I alleged Phahlane was receiving substantial kick-backs from police suppliers, which enabled Phahlane to build a **SEVEN million Rand mansion**, for less than ONE million Rand. In late February 2016, McBride orally informed then police minister Nathi Nhleko, that I had opened the case and that the case appeared to have merits and should be investigated. Two weeks later, Nathi Nhleko, suspended McBride on false grounds and appointed an acting head of IPID, a very flexible **Mr Israel Kgamanyane**, who was instructed to 'lose' the docket against Phahlane. Kgamanyane not only allowed the docket to gather dust, in a corner of his office, he unlawfully supplied a copy of the docket to Phahlane, in March 2016, after McBride was unlawfully suspended.

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On **2016-04-01**, I was in my way to London, with two of my minor daughters, aged EIGHT years and NINE years. I was taking them back to school after the Easter holidays. I should mention here that they were living in the UK, with their mother, as I had to move them out of South Africa in 2007, just before the youngest was born, when I became aware of then Commissioner of Police, Jackie Selebi's intention to have my whole family murdered, to stop me investigating him.

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Just after boarding the plane for London, corrupt police officers reporting to both Phahlane and Ntlemenza, which included Mokotedi, rushed onto the plane and forced me and my two minor girls off the plane, whereafter I was assaulted in front of my two daughters, then handcuffed and separated from my girls and taken away at over 200km per hour in a blue light convoy to Pretoria.



I was then unlawfully detained and tortured for THREE nights and days, before being released on bail on trumped up charges, with allegations of treason, espionage and using my non-South African passports. Mokotedi and Mlotshwa subsequently had me charged with more than 50 trumped criminal charges, including, but not limited to Impersonating an IPID officer, kidnapping, fraud, intimidation, extortion and racketeering.

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In November 2016, AFTER McBride had been reinstated to his position as Executive Director of IPID, following a Constitutional Court judgment, Kgamanyane resigned and left IPID and re-appeared as a Brigadier in the Police. This was obviously a gratification for his complicity in not proceeding with the case I had opened against Phahlane, but instead, providing Phahlane with a copy of the complaint. I sat with McBride and his team of investigators and explained the contents and the evidence I had against Phahlane. I also agreed to point out further evidence. For two or three weeks, I worked closely with the team, until they stated that they were now up to speed and they would continue with the investigations alone, so as not to be unduly influenced by any external IPID factors.

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In mid-December 2016, I was heading up to London to see my children. They were afraid to come to South Africa, after what had happened in April that year. At around this time, I had been involved in helping Afriforum set up an anti-corruption team. Together with Afriforum we have produced a booklet called '**Joining the Dots**'. As the document was fresh off the press and as I was heading up to London, I decided to invite a few people for a braai, before I went to the airport. I specifically invited McBride and Mandla Mahlangu of IPID, so that I could give them a printed copy of my booklet. Although he was NOT invited, Nkabinde turned up at the Braai in Bedfordview. I was unaware at the time, that Nkabinde had already joined the criminal enterprise I have mentioned above.

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Having invited himself, it later became evident, that Nkabinde was not only there to spy on me and McBride, but he even chose to fabricate a grand lie that it wasn't a braai; but was a planning meeting to discuss amongst those present, how we could take down the government and, as Mokotedi would later falsely claim under oath, murder both Mokotedi and Ntlemeza. According

to Mokotedi's false testimony, in which he described an 'informer' we later found to Nkabinde, this plot was treasonous and included a member of the DA and two members of Afriforum. For the record I can categorically state that there was not a single person from the DA, or a single person from Afriforum, present at the braai. These lies were added into the false 'plot' created by Nkabinde, to give the plot some substance. Having arrived in London, to visit my minor children, I was instead harassed by journalists, who wanted my version of events, pertaining to the false allegations, of Nkabinde, which found their way into the media, via Mokotedi and Ntlemeza.

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I returned to South Africa towards the end of January 2017, to face a media storm as well as further false allegations and criminal complaints by Mokotedi, Ntlemeza, Phahlane, Mabula and Nkabinde. The upshot of these further false claims, was that in the second week of February 2017, my corporate counsel, was kidnapped from my offices and unlawfully detained for TWO nights in a filthy dirty cell at Kameeldrift Police Station. An urgent application was launched in the High Court in Pretoria, on her behalf by Afriforum and the court ordered her release on Sunday evening, 2017-02-12.

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On Monday 2017-02-13, after a meeting with attorneys acting for my unlawfully kidnapped and detained corporate counsel, at Afriforum's offices, I was surrounded by SEVENTEEN police officers in SIX motor vehicles and was AGAIN unlawfully arrested and detained, necessitating a further urgent application to get me released. I was held at Kameeldrift Police Station, for SEVEN hours. Between February 2017 and June 2018, I was forced to endure SIX trials, on trumped up charges, many of which flowed directly from the corrupt activity of Nkabinde, who worked closely with Mabula, Mkhwanazi and Phahlane, to disrupt the criminal charges Phahlane was facing. Eventually, I was acquitted on all the false trials, or the State were forced to withdraw the charges, after they had been subjected to scathing judgements against them.

NKABINDE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR VERY SERIOUS CRIMES

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There can be no doubt, that were it not for the patently criminal conduct of Nkabinde, Phahlane, Ntlemeza, Mokotedi, and others, I would NOT have been the subject of multiple unlawful arrests, unlawful detention, torture, raids on my offices, assault in front of my children and many other deprivations, which breached my constitutional rights. Nor would I have had to endure SIX trumped up criminal trials on more than FIFTY fake charges. I hold them all, jointly and severally liable for the shocking unlawful treatment, meted out to me, my staff and my family. In particular, the conduct of Nkabinde, inviting himself to a year end braai in Bedfordview, then secretly meeting with Ntlemeza and Moktedi and others, so another fake case could be set on me, and some of his colleagues at IPID, demonstrates how evil Nkabinde truly is.

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The final straw for me came on **2025-11-19**, when someone tipped me off that Nkabinde was in parliament, lying through his teeth about me. I will now go on to explain the evidence that not only proves Nkabinde's lies to parliament were a complete fabrication and therefore amount to perjury, for which he should be criminally charged and prosecuted, but also that he actively conspired with Phahlane, Mokotedi, Ntlemeza and finally with Mkhwanazi, who played a sinister role at trying to 'capture' IPID investigators and turn them against McBride and others, so as to unlawfully get the corrupt Phahlane off the hook, for corruption charges he was facing.

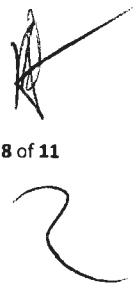
ANNEXURE 'B' – KHUBA AFFIDAVIT DATED 2018-07-24

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I wish to draw attention to Annexure 'B', particular to the following allegations contained therein:

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From paragraphs 1 through 6, Khuba completely destroy the false story of Nkabinde that I, Paul O'Sullivan was leading any investigations at IPID. I'm not sure where Mr Khuba is SEVEN years later, but I would request that he be called upon to give oral evidence to verify his sworn statement dated 2018-07-24.



25.2

At paragraph 7, the more sinister conduct of criminal police officers becomes apparent. Khuba makes it clear that that Mandla Mahlangu, who was one of the lead investigators on the Phahlane case, was approached by corrupt police officials, who solicited him to turn on McBride. After that time, I discussed the matter with Mahlangu, who informed me that he had been offered the post of Brigadier in the police, if he would help mess up the case against Phahlane. Mahlangu initially considered the corrupt offer but then rejected it. He was told he would be murdered, together with me. Mahlangu was later murdered and attempts were made to murder me.

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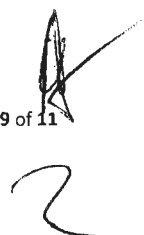
At paragraph 8 of the statement Khuba describes the corrupt arrangements by criminal police officials to purchase a 'grabber', for the inflated price of R45 million. Fortunately, IPID were able to take action and prevent the corrupt R45 million transaction from proceeding, thereby preventing theft of R45 million. Note the name of the police supplier involved 'i-view'.

25.4

At paragraph 9 and 10 of his statement, Khuba explains how he was approached by General Nemutanzhela, to be introduced to General Mkhwanazi. (Mkhwanazi is now the very controversial Provincial Commissioner of KZN). It is made clear by Khuba, that Mkhwanazi was acting in a criminal and clandestine manner, to solicit Khuba, to join Nkabinde in becoming a so-called Section 204 witness against McBride. In the discussion, Mkhwanazi made it clear that Nkabinde had already come on board and Mahlangu's statement was ready, but Mahlangu was afraid to sign it.

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In summary of Khuba's statement it is clear that Nkabinde was on the wrong side of the fence, and had joined the Phahlane criminal syndicate. It is also clear that the fabricated stories of Nkabinde not only to then minister of police, but now to parliament, that I control IPID, the Police and the NPA, are nothing more than total and utter lies, fabricated for ulterior purposes.



THE FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN – SO TO SPEAK – MCBRIDE’S AFFIDAVIT

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If Khuba’s statement does not totally satisfy my claim that Nkabinde is lying through his teeth, then the affidavit of McBride dated 2018-12-12, completely exposes the total dishonesty of Nkabinde and I pray that the contents be read as if incorporated herein. In particular I draw attention on paragraph 18, which details the clandestine and unlawful attempt by General Mkhwanazi, to derail IPID’s Phahlane investigations. It should be noted that, as of yesterday, Nkabinde admits being very close to Mkhwanazi, although he plays down and hides the criminal relationship between them, that stretched back to 2016 and 2017. It is therefore now clear that Mkhwanazi has been engaged in unlawful conduct for at least the last NINE years. I would say longer, but let’s go with NINE years for now.

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Accordingly, I hereby request a thorough investigation into the criminal and corrupt conduct of Nkabinde, from at least 2016, until the present time. Most importantly Nkabinde **MUST** be charged with perjury, by lying to parliament on 2025-11-19.

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Prior to me swearing the statement, I have read through it and am satisfied that the contents hereof are true and correct. I have been asked the following questions, by the Commissioner of Oaths, which I have answered by writing down the answers in my own handwriting: -

Do you know and understand the contents of this statement?


yes

Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath?

no

Do you consider the prescribed oath binding on your conscience?

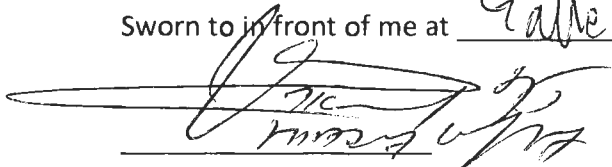
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PAUL O’SULLIVAN

The deponent confirmed that he knows and understand the contents of this statement, that he has no objection to taking the prescribed oath and that he considers the prescribed oath to be binding on his conscience.

Sworn to in front of me at Galle Manor this 20th day of NOVEMBER 2026.



COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

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Annexure 'A'

EXTRACT from

<https://www.news24.com/politics/live-ad-hoc-committee-hears-evidence-from-nhlanhla-mkhwanazi-20251007-0390>

Skosana asks whether it is true that Nkabinde told Mkhwanazi that O'Sullivan was using the grabber.

Nkabinde says yes. Skosana: That means O'Sullivan has a grabber, and it is dangerous for the country, and it is illegal.

Ntuli asks why McBride wanted to become the national commissioner.

Nkabinde says whatever the reason, it would not have been revealed to him at his level.

ANC chief whip Mdlumiseni Ntuli wants to know about the journalist at the McBride plot.

He asks whether the journalist was consciously engaged in causing destruction to certain people or if the journalist wanted to be a headline breaker.

Nkabinde says the journalist was aware of the plot.

Nkabinde says O'Sullivan frequently goes to London and comes back with spying equipment.

James says it is scary that O'Sullivan is sending threats.

James says that while at SAPS, he was part of a task team. (He wasn't at SAPS, but IPID).

She says he should be held accountable. Nkabinde doesn't agree.

Lekganyane says she shouldn't pass judgment on the witness.

James asks whether he is aware that O'Sullivan is linked to foreign interests, like Mkhwanazi alleged.

Nkabinde is not aware.

James wants to know who was the "AfriForum white male" and the "DA white male" at the meeting at O'Sullivan's house.

Nkabinde says they were only introduced in that manner.

Nkabinde says he has now received a message from Paul O'Sullivan.

"Get ready, you lying crook," reads the message.

O'Sullivan also said that he is being paid by Mkhwanazi and that he will ensure that Nkabinde goes to jail.

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Mathys asks whether Nkabinde spoke to anyone before he wrote his McBride/O'Sullivan report. He says he didn't.

- Jan Gerber

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Mathys asks whether Nkabinde had any other engagements with Paul O'Sullivan, aside from the Phalane task team. Nkabinde says no.

- Jan Gerber

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Mathys asks who the directors of the company were, where he was appointed with Mkhwanazi's help.

Nkabinde says he doesn't want to involve a private company.

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Nomvalo asks who was the prosecutor of the case against O'Sullivan.

Nkabinde says it is Mr Mashego.

Nomvalo asks if O'Sullivan gets funding somewhere.

Nkabinde says he gets funding from overseas to interfere with the justice cluster.

- Jan Gerber

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Nkabinde says O'Sullivan couldn't control Phalane.

Nomvalo says the goal was achieved because Phalane was suspended.

Nkabinde confirms and says Phalane was never arrested on those allegations.

- Jan Gerber

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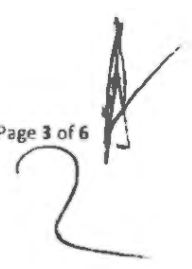
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Nkabinde says there was a meeting at O'Sullivan, with McBride, a late Mr Mahlangu, a "white lady called Candice from Crime Intelligence," two white males from AfriForum and the DA and a "white lady" who is a journalist.

O'Sullivan's assistant, Ms Trent, was also there. AfriForum guaranteed that funds would be available.

The purpose was to plot how to bring down Phalane. O'Sullivan was responsible for spying on Phalane.

- Jan Gerber



Nomvao asks who the other people plotting are. Nkabinde says it was well known that McBride wanted to be the national commissioner. He says McBride established a task team at IPID.

The name was the Phalane task team. It was established solely for him.

Nomvao says they should invite Phalane to come to the committee.

- Jan Gerber

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Nkabinde says they created a scenario where they would raid Phalane's house to look for a sound system, but the aim was to alert the media that the acting commissioner's home had been raided, so that the president would have no choice.

"The media was plotting with us."

Nomvao: "The gist of this was a power struggle?"

Nkabinde says the gist was to usurp power in the whole criminal justice system.

- Jan Gerber

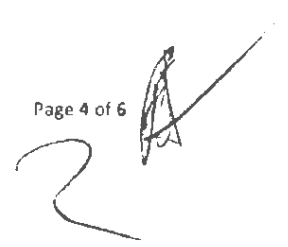
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Nkabinde says O'Sullivan was involved in a project to ensure that General Phalane wasn't appointed as the national commissioner.

He says they were "plotting to remove Phalane" in 2017.

Nomvao asks why Phalane was a target.

Nkabinde says the main reason was that O'Sullivan wanted McBride to become the national commissioner, so the project was to remove everyone from the seat of national commissioner.



"He [O'Sullivan] was giving us instructions," says Nkabinde, who says O'Sullivan came to their offices and would interview witnesses.

Nomvalo wants to understand how an "outsider" has so much influence.

Nkabinde: "Ja, no, he is in charge." Nomvalo asks where he got the power from.

Nkabinde: "Hey, I don't know."

Nkabinde says his report was never addressed, even though Celé used it to remove McBride.

He says he only got the chief of staff job because it was a political post and O'Sullivan couldn't stop it.

Nomvalo asks who O'Sullivan works with in the SAPS.

Nkabinde says his pending appointment was leaked to O'Sullivan. Nkabinde doesn't know who he works with.

Nomvalo asks if Nkabinde ever had a relationship with O'Sullivan.

He says no, but O'Sullivan was leading IPID from the outside. Nomvalo asks whether he had any influence on SAPS.

Nkabinde says not only IPID, but he is running SAPS and the NPA.

"This is the real state capture."

He says there are two dockets in the NPA on O'Sullivan "gathering dust", which were removed from a black prosecutor.

Nkabinde says he gets emotional because he was fighting this thing with Mkhwanazi.

"This are the things me and him are fighting. State capture."

Nomvalo asks if O'Sullivan plays an official role in SAPS.

Nkabinde says O'Sullivan has no role, but he is in charge.

He says he even went to the Labour Court, but he left the case because Mchunu appointed him.

In response to Nomvalo, Nkabinde states that after he left IPID, a post was advertised at the police, and he was ranked as the best candidate.

However, Paul O'Sullivan wrote to then-police commissioner Khehla Sitole not to appoint him.

He says O'Sullivan copied him on the message. Nkabinde says he didn't get the job because of O'Sullivan.

- Jan Gerber

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MKP MP Sibonelo Nomvalo says Nkabinde is doing much better today than he did in his previous appearance.

Nomvalo says that when Mkhwanazi described their relationship, he said he and Nkabinde became close when Nkabinde had trouble at IPID.

Nkabinde: "It is very correct that during my hardship from IPID, General Mkhwanazi was supporting and next to me."

He adds that Mkhwanazi was also concerned about state capture happening at IPID.

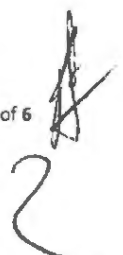
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Cameron asks whether Nkabinde understands the contradictions between his testimony and that of Mchunu and Mkhwanazi.

Nkabinde: "I never contradicted with anyone."

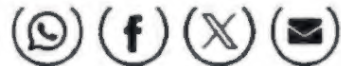
Cameron says there are clear discrepancies between Nkabinde's version and those of Mchunu and Mkhwanazi.



<https://www.news24.com/politics/mchunu-aide-claims-he-met-osullivan-da-afriforum-members-to-plot-phahlanes-removal-20251119-1197>

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Mchunu aide claims he met O'Sullivan, DA, AfriForum members to 'plot Phahlane's removal'

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Cedrick Nkabinde, suspended police minister Senzo Mchunu's chief of staff, claims to have been part of a plot to remove former national police commissioner Khomotso Phahlane.

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- **Suspended police minister Senzo Mchunu's chief of staff, Cedrick Nkabinde, concluded his testimony before the parliamentary ad hoc committee into police corruption.**
- **On Wednesday, Nkabinde made serious allegations against forensic investigator Paul O'Sullivan, the DA, and AfriForum.**
- **He claims to have been part of a plot to remove former national police commissioner Khomotso Phahlane.**

Suspended police minister Senzo Mchunu's chief of staff, Cedrick Nkabinde, was part of a 2018 meeting where forensic investigator Paul O'Sullivan, representatives from the DA and AfriForum, and a journalist all conspired to remove former national police commissioner Khomotso Phahlane.

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This was part of Nkabinde's testimony on Wednesday to the parliamentary ad hoc committee established to investigate allegations of corruption made by KwaZulu-Natal police commissioner Lieutenant General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi.

He claimed that O'Sullivan was spying on Phahlane to find "dirt on him" to remove him from his position to make way for former Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) head Robert McBride.

AfriForum's representatives apparently made money available for the project, and there were some in the media who were on board with the plan, Nkabinde claimed.

"The main purpose of the said meeting was to plot how to bring down Phahlane to ensure that he was not confirmed as a national commissioner. AfriForum representatives guaranteed that the funds were available to carry out this mission and Paul was responsible for spying on Phahlane to find anything.

"The meeting sought to plot how to assert power over the entire security cluster. The NPA, Crime Intelligence, State Security Agency, Hawks, and specific individuals were identified from these departments," Nkabinde said.

MK Party MP Sibonelo Nomvalo asked Nkabinde why McBride was preferred.

"Phahlane did not comply with Paul, he could not control Phahlane whereas they could control McBride. Then ultimately the goal was achieved because Phahlane was suspended," he said.

Furthermore, Nkabinde added they created a scenario where they would raid Phahlane's house to look for a sound system, but the aim was to alert the media about the raid so that the president would have no choice but to remove him.

He said:

“The media was plotting with us.

Asked if he could name the people in the meeting, he said there were two white men from AfriForum, a member of the DA, and a white female journalist.

Responding to questions from Nomvalo, Nkabinde said O'Sullivan came to their offices and would interview witnesses.

“He [O'Sullivan] was giving us instructions.

Asked by Nomvalo why an outsider could have so much power, Nkabinde said: "Ja, no, he is in charge."

Shortly after the dinner break, Nkabinde told the committee that O'Sullivan sent him a threatening text.

"Get ready, you lying crook. I am going to make sure you spend some years in prison. You were bribed by Mkhwanazi and Mabula. Now you will pay for your crimes guaranteed," Nkabinde read out to the committee.



MPs were left frustrated by this, and demanded that O'Sullivan be called to the committee urgently.

From across the floor, MPs asked that screenshots of the WhatsApp text from O'Sullivan be submitted as evidence to the committee with his cellphone number.

Committee chairperson Soviet Lekganyane said Parliament's legal advisors would advise on the way forward.

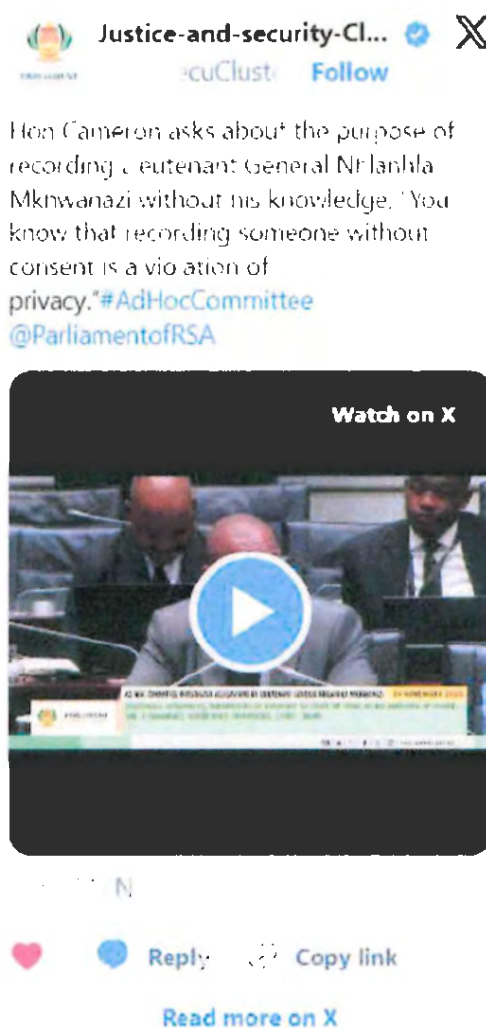
Phahlane and his co-accused – Lieutenant Colonel Godfrey Mahwayi, Major General Maanda Obert Nmutandzhela, Major General Mankosana Agnes Makhele, and businessman Inbanathan Kistiah – **are charged with fraud, corruption, theft and contravention** of the Public Finance Management Act, relating to two tenders valued at about R54 million.

In September 2024, Investigating Directorate Against Corruption spokesperson Henry Mamothame said one contract related to the irregular procurement of software, called Ripjar, which was meant to be used during the #FeesMustFall protests in October 2015.

The other alleged irregular contract relates to the procurement of communication encryption software, called Daedalus, which was solely used for encrypting calls and wiping out cellphone records and messages at the time when Phahlane was under investigation by IPID for the "blue lights" police tender and other irregular procurement at the time he was acting police commissioner, he said previously.

The blue lights tender is a **multimillion-rand graft case** against Phahlane and 14 others in which a contract to fit emergency lights to police vehicles was allegedly irregularly awarded to Vimpie Manthata's company, Instrumentation for Traffic Law Enforcement, in 2016.

Manthata is one of Phahlane's co-accused.



Meanwhile, Nkabinde said he had no knowledge of Political Killings Task Team (PKTT) operations prior to a directive, issued by Mchunu, on 31 December 2024 to disband the team.

He did, however, have knowledge of the existence of the PKTT and attended several meetings with the top leadership of the police.

"I had no knowledge [necessarily] of the operations of the PKTT prior to the directive being issued. I do, however, have knowledge of the existence of PKTT. I recall attending meetings in November 2024, which were attended by SAPS top management, of course, in my capacity as a chief of staff. I do not believe it is necessary and relevant to speak to what was discussed there, save to mention that there was a mention of the PKTT, among other issues," Nkabinde said.

He added he was not involved in the drafting of the directive; he only got involved when Mchunu asked him to send it.

Nkabinde said Mchunu's special advisor, advocate Vusi Pikoli, proofread the letter and made some inputs.

The hearings continue on Thursday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive letter 'B' followed by a horizontal line.