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A REPORT ON THE THEFT OF FOUR WHEELS FROM MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION  
NUMBER AAH 1100

On the night of Monday the 16th August 1993, four wheels were stolen from motor vehicle Registration Number 1100, whilst in the yard at Soweto Compound ANC Guest House, commonly known as Malome's Guest House, being where I am presently residing.

On Monday afternoon after work, I went to Impala Filling Station to fill up and went straight home where, I parked the vehicle until the following morning to find it without wheels.

The same Monday night Mr. Mulenga, Mr Kebby Musokotwane's driver came to park at around 22.00 hours. He woke us up the following morning around 06.00 hours to inform us that the wheels have been stolen from the said vehicle. He discovered this as he was to leave early to pick Mr. Kebby Musokotwane.

After taking a look around we discovered that there was an opening on the fence just at the edge of the garage which thieves used to enter the premises and out. From Mr Musokotwane's vehicle, the thieves had removed all the wheel nuts save the wheel-lock nuts. Unfortunately, my bedroom is far from the garage which makes it practically impossible to hear anything taking place at the garage. And my sister-in-law, with whom I am staying, thinks she heard people talking and thought it was me. She came to this conclusion due to the previous day's experience when she woke up my wife as I was driving out (to pull in Mr. Musokotwane's car which ran out of petrol not far from my place) thinking it was being stolen, only to find it was me.

I must say here that the house is very close to a compound (Soweto) and has no wall fence, which makes it vulnerable to thieves. To have a semblance of security is to employ at least one person to keep guard at night and the acquisition of about two dogs (vicious) to send an alarm in case of an intruder wandering into the premises.

The thieves had also left the doors to the interior open and tried to remove the radio cassette but failed. I then concluded that they must have left in a hurry, leaving the possibility of them hiding the wheels in the nearby shrubs. I therefore spent most of the day searching these shrubs but in vain. I also tried to ask for a phone in the neighbourhood but they were out of order. Since I also did not have money, I could not find my way into town and the office. I was then left hoping that I will be missed at the office and somebody might come to check what the problem could be, but in vain.

The following day, a Wednesday, I decided to walk to the office and was lifted by Sasha.

I have already reported the matter at Matero Police Station, where a statement was taken and a docket opened on the 18th August 1993.

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