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SUBJECT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE CLARIFIES THE MILITARY BACKGROUND OF A SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR SCAMMING PROSPECTIVE JOB SEEKERS IN PRETORIA

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) would like to clarify the military background of a suspect who was arrested for allegedly scamming prospective young job seekers in a jobs-for-money scam on Tuesday, 27 June 2017 in Pretoria.

The suspect, Mr Petrus Ndaba, joined the then South African Defence Force (SADF) as a Public Service Act Personnel (PSAP) in 1991. He was stationed at 115 South African Infantry (SAI) Battalion in Pretoria. In 1992 he underwent basic military training and was appointed in the SADF in the rank of a private. Mr Ndaba was arrested and charged with murder in 1993. He was tried in a civilian court and found guilty. He was subsequently sentenced to a jail term of 15 years in 1995. At the time of his incarceration he was still in the rank of a private.

The SANDF unequivocally wishes to state that the suspect was never at any stage during his short military career appointed in a rank of neither an officer nor a general officer. It is thus misleading and unfortunate that the suspect is being referred to as a former SANDF "general" or "colonel" in the various media reports.

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