

The South African History Archive's list of all Section 29 documentation released by the Department of Justice and Correctional Services in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (2000)

What are the Section 29 hearings?

The Section 29 hearings were closed hearings of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), held under Section 29 of the Promotion of National Unity Act (1995), known as the TRC Act. The closed hearings consisted of investigative enquiries, whereby those subpoenaed were under oath to divulge the full extent of their knowledge of gross human rights violations committed under the apartheid regime.

What did the South African History Archive (SAHA) request from the Department of Justice and Correctional Services?

This list details the Section 29 hearing records released by the Department of Justice and Correctional Services to SAHA, in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (2000) (PAIA). The records were delivered to SAHA in December 2014. SAHA staff have subsequently been working through the hearing transcripts to prepare them for public release. This process has been hampered by records that are problematic – either because they are incomplete transcriptions; contain redaction (names, places or other information removed); or have un-redacted personal information, such as South African ID numbers. The volume of text, which runs to over 13 000 pages, has also influenced the speed at which SAHA is able to process and digitise the material. The full PAIA request is available here: http://foip.saha.org.za/request_tracker/entry/sah-2013-doj-0003.

Next steps?

A work in progress, this document will continue to be updated as SAHA staff work through the transcripts. As soon as each transcript is processed, SAHA aims to have the hard-copy documentation available in their on-site reading room at Constitution Hill – details on how to make an appointment can be found here: http://www.saha.org.za/collections/visit_the_archive.htm. SAHA will also be making these transcripts part their digital TRC collections online – accessible on the SAHA website (www.saha.org.za); at SAHA's Freedom of Information website (www.foip.saha.org.za) and the SAHA/SABC Truth Commission website (www.sabctrc.saha.org.za). Follow SAHA on Twitter @SAHAnews or sign up for our newsletter to receive updates regarding the status of these records.

If you were involved in the Section 29 hearings as a TRC staff member, interpreter or witness, and would like to get in touch with SAHA, we would be very glad to hear from you. Equally, if you would like more information on the Section 29 transcripts, please contact us: info@saha.org.za or +27(0)11 718 2560. * indicates the record is available online: http://www.saha.org.za/collections/AL2878/b01575.htm



Place of hearing	Date of hearing		Record description (events/people/places	DoJ redaction of	Notes on the
		questioned	mentioned)	information	record
Durban	7-May-96	Walter Sidney Felgate	This record traces the career of Felgate in	No	60 pages
			the IFP as an advisor to Buthelezi, and		missing from
			covers the modus operandi of the IFP and		this record
			Buthelezi at it relates to the modus operandi		
			of the KwaZulu legislature.		
Johannesburg	12-Sep-96	Arthur van de Gryp *	Shooting incident at Sebokeng; falsification	No	
			of statements		
Cape Town	24-0ct-96	Johannes "Krappies"	Security police structure	No	Record in
		Engelbrecht Q&A			Afrikaans and
					ends abruptly
Cape Town	24-0ct-96	Johannes "Krappies"	Security police structure	No	
		Engelbrecht Submission *			
Cape Town	25-0ct-96	General Basie Smit *	Discussion of his time in the South African	No	Record in
			police force		Afrikaans
Cape Town	29-0ct-96	Johan Hendrik le Roux	Third force activities and the death of	No	Poor copying
			Maponya		renders part
					unreadable
Durban	13-Nov-96	Mr Bennetts	Safe houses and the operation of askaris	Yes	

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Durban	13-Nov-96	Frank Sandy Bennetts *	An investigation into the operation of the Riot Squad in Durban in the late 1980s, as well as: the A Team; Security Branch support for the IFP; the C Section and its operation in Durban	No	
Durban	14-Nov-96	Jeremias Jacobus Brooks	Investigation in the Pietermaritzburg Security Branch		Record was delivered unreadable due to poor copying
Durban	14-Nov-96	Rownan Fernandez *	Investigation into operation of the Durban Security Branch, as well as an incident where a PAC individual was killed in his home in Inanda.	No	
Cape Town	18-Nov-96	General PJ Coetzee	Security police structure	Yes	
Cape Town	19-Nov-96	Brigadier Willem Frederick Schoon *	Vlakplaas	No	
Cape Town	20-Nov-96	Nicolaas Jacobus Janse van Rensburg *	Sizwe Kondile	No	
Durban	22-Nov-96	Petros Fana Potgieter	Investigation into Potgieter's duties as a policeman in the security branch.	Yes	

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Durban	26-Nov-96	Frank Sandy Bennetts *	Further investigation into the career of Frank Sandy Bennets, including: a. Torture methods used by the security branch b. Disinformation methods used by the security branch	No	
Durban	27-Nov-96	Andy Taylor *	This hearing doesn't begin as Taylor's lawyer brings numerous challenges regarding the information required from his client, and the hearing is adjourned.	No	
Durban	28-Nov-96	Christiaan Earle	This hearing discusses Earle's role as the investigating officer for the murder of Dr. Rick Turner. The record discusses his methods and procedures, as well as his views on who was responsible for the death; and political interference in murder investigations.	Yes	
Johannesburg	29-Nov-96	Brigadier Hertzog Lerm *	Moutse, KwaNdebele	No	
Johannesburg	29-Nov-96	Supt.de Jager	Moutse, KwaNdebele	Yes	
Cape Town	2-Dec-96	Joseph Sipho Mamasela	Vlakplaas	Yes	



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Durban	2-Dec-96	Msizi Jethro Hlope	This record is a detailed confession of the role Hlope played in various assassinations and attempted murders in the Durban area in the late 1980s, under the instruction of Mr Jamile (IFP).	Yes	
East London	3-Dec-96	Captain Stanford Mene *	This record covers an investigation of Mene's knowledge regarding the disappearance of Siphiwe Mtimkhulu and the death of Lungile Tabalaza.	No	
East London	4-Dec-96	Bathlakaze Butler Tungata *	This record covers an investigation of Tungata's knowledge regarding the disappearance of Siphiwe Mtimkhulu. He also describes his interaction with informers and the death of a man during the consumer boycott.	No	
Cape Town	6-Dec-96	Thapelo Johannes Mbelo	Gugulethu 7	No	
East London	6-Dec-96	Dhlamini Yosandile Booi *	This transcript investigates Mr Booi's knowledge of the torture/assault of Zakate Buka; as well as his knowledge of askaris	No	
Johannesburg	10-Dec-96	van Niekerk, Mosert, Engelbrecht postponement *	Hearing postponement transcript	No	



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Johannesburg	11-Dec-96	John Anthony Walters	Nelspruit; the Qibasa gang	Yes	
Johannesburg	11-Dec-96	Solomon Sifunsa	False statements to magistrates	Yes	
Johannesburg	11-Dec-96	Pat Molomane	Events near Barberton; Qibasa gang	Yes	
Johannesburg	12-Dec-96	Julius Nkosi	Qibasa gang	Yes	
Johannesburg	12-Dec-96	Enos Mazibuko	Qibasa gang	Yes	
Johannesburg	20-Jan-97	Senior Superintendent Conradie	Incidents around Sebokeng	No	
Johannesburg	21-Jan-97	Captain J Smith	Incidents around Sebokeng	Yes	
Durban	27-Jan-97	H Jamile *	This records attempt to corroborate eyewitness accounts of the involvement of H Jamile in the murder of Zazi Khuzwayo, which he completely denies.	No	
Durban	29-Jan-97	Sibusiso Bhengu	This record outlines the recruitment, training and deployment of a Caprivi trainee from the IFP.	No	Record missing pages
Cape Town	12-Feb-97	Wilhelm Riaan Bellingam *	Vlakplaas	No	
Durban	21-Apr-97	Robert John McBride *	A detailed outline of the bombing of the Why Not? Bar / Magoos Bar	No	



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Durban	21-Apr-97	Zahraj Narkedien (previously Greta Apelgren) *	A detailed outline of the bombing of the Why Not? Bar / Magoos Bar.	No	
Johannesburg	23-Apr-97	Charles Alfred Zeelie *	Death of Stanza Bopape	No	
Johannesburg	23-Apr-97	Hendrik Mostert *	Death of Stanza Bopape	No	
Cape Town	23-Apr-97	Trevor Griffiths Vermeulen *	SJMC	No	
Durban	23-Apr-97	James Brough Taylor *	This hearing refers to any involvement of James Taylor in the death of activist Haffajee, and the murder of Rick Turner. It also discusses Taylor's role in the bombing of ANC offices in London in 1981.	No	
Johannesburg	24-Apr-97	Adriaan Pieter van Niekerk *	Death of Stanza Bopape	No	
Johannesburg	24-Apr-97	Leon van Loggerenberg *	Death of Stanza Bopape	No	
Durban	9-May-97	Martin Dolinchek *	This record is a discussion of Dolinchek's career with the South African government and security police. It covers the murder of Rick Turner, as well as South Africa's involvement in the attempted coup in the Seychelles.	No	Poor quality transcription

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Cape Town	19-May-97	Lieutenant Douw Gerbrand Vermeulen	Trojan Horse incident	No	Transcript is incomplete
Cape Town	20-May-97	Jacques Hechter	Discusses his knowledge of numerous murders including the Ribeiros	No	Record in Afrikaans
Cape Town	21-May-97	Karl Ulrich Schelhase	JMC - an investigation interview, not an S29	No	Transcript is incomplete
Johannesburg	27-May-97	S J Visser	Death of Stanza Bopape	No	Record has missing pages
Johannesburg	27-May-97	Johannes Lodewikus Pretorius *	Death of Stanza Bopape	No	
Johannesburg	27-May-97	Johan Luwig du Preez *	Death of Stanza Bopape	No	
Cape Town	27-May-97	Ngosikaya Gobingca *	Conflict at Crossroads and Nyanga (Witdoeke vs Comrades)	No	
Cape Town	29-May-97	J Ngxobangwana *	Conflict at Crossroads and Nyanga (Witdoeke vs Comrades)	No	
Cape Town	3-Jun-97	Mr Liebenberg *	Infiltration of MK	No	

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Durban	4-Jun-97	Christiaan Peter Marx *	This record discusses Marx's knowledge of and involvement in an alleged cover-up of the true culprits of the Trust Feeds massacre; it also discusses any knowledge he might have regarding the death of Roy Ngcobo.	No	
Cape Town	5-Jun-97	Captain Paul Loocke *	Conflict at Crossroads and Nyanga (Witdoeke vs Comrades)	No	
Durban	5-Jun-97	Willem Abraham De Wet	This record canvasses de Wet's career as a leader of one of the Riot Squads that were accused of kid-napping, assault, murder and torture. He claims all allegations against him are false.	Yes	
Durban	6-Jun-97	Gerhardus Stephanus Schoon	Mr Schoon's involvement in the murder of Jameson Ngomezulu and the disposal of his body with the use of explosives on Sodwana beach; and the disposal of the body of MK Scorpion, possibly known as Rueben, with the use of explosives near the Jozini Dam	No	Incomplete record
Johannesburg	9-Jun-97	Senior Superintendent van der Westhuizen	Sebokeng incident 1990	Yes	
Johannesburg	9-Jun-97	SGT Mkolokoto	Sebokeng incident 1990	Yes	



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Johannesburg	9-Jun-97	Jacobus Jacobs	Themba Khosa incident	Yes	
Cape Town	9-Jun-97	General Christian Hendrick Van Zyl	SWAP0; 16 June 1978	Yes	
Durban	30-Jun-97	Christoffel Gert Groenewald *	Groenewald is questioned regarding his involvement in the investigation of the murder of Rick Turner, is cross-examined on the basis of other testimony. His recollections are vague.	No	
Durban	1-Jul-97	Rolf Heinrich Warber	Warber is questioned regarding his involvement with the Pietermaritzburg security police and his interactions with various communities (including the supply of weapons to councilors and the death of Chief Maphumlo).	Yes	
Durban	9-Jul-97	Sebastian Jocubus Johannes Smit *	Smit is questioned regarding his career in the security police, and specifically his knowledge about Operation Marion; TREWITS. He also denies allegations of gunrunning to the IFP and fomenting hostel violence.	No	

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Durban	10-Jul-97	Johannes Velde Van Der Merwe	Van der Merwe is questioned about his knowledge of Operation Marion.He is also questioned about the State Security Council; the Trust Feeds massacre; his views on the efficacy of the "kitskonstabels"; and the supposed TREWITS hit lists.	Yes	
Durban	16-Jul-97	Major-General Jacobus Buchner	This record covers large territory of Buchner's police career, including the formation of TREWITS; cross-border raids; "kitskonstabels"; and the situation in Pietermaritzburg in the late 1980s.	No	Record is incomplete
Durban	21-Jul-97	Andries Petrus Putter *	This record covers Putter's time as Chief of Staff, Military Intelligence (1985-1990).	No	
Johannesburg	29-Jul-97	Gerhardus D. Peens	Death of Daniel Maboti	No	
Johannesburg	29-Jul-97	Matekelani F. Manzini	Events of 12 June 1988 (multiple deaths)	No	
Cape Town	18-Aug-97	Pieter Johan Verster *	Civil Co-operation Bureau	No	
Cape Town	19-Aug-97	Joe Verster	Civil Co-operation Bureau	No	Record is incomplete



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Cape Town	21-Aug-97	Abraham van Zyl	Civil Co-operation Bureau	Yes	
Cape Town	22-Aug-97	Wouter Jacobus Basson	Civil Co-operation Bureau	Yes	
Durban	4-Sep-97	Mzuzu Abraham Ngadi *	This record discusses the role Mngadi played in the abduction, assault and murder of Jameson Ngomezulu.	No	
Johannesburg	26-Sep-97	Winnie Madikizela Mandela *	Involvement with Soweto youth	No	
Johannesburg	29-Sep-97	Jakob Mtombeni *	Arrest and disappearence of George Tshabangu; Parsons Commission	No	
Johannesburg	29-Sep-97	Arnoldus Johannes van Schalkwyk *	Arrest and disappearence of George Tshabangu	No	
Johannesburg	29-Sep-97	Dumisani Mahlangu *	Arrest and disappearence of George Tshabangu	No	
Johannesburg	30-Sep-97	Eric Magagula *	Arrest and disappearence of George Tshabangu	No	
Durban	3-0ct-97	Michael Adriaan Van Den Berg *	Van Den Berg was a logistics officer for the South African Defence Force, and this transcript investigates his knowledge of Operation Marion; and the allegation that it operated as a sanctioned IFP 'hit squad'.	No	

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Cape Town	6-0ct-97	Geoffrey Randall Bruce Brown *	Killing of Colin Williams and Robert Waterwich	No	
Johannesburg	13-0ct-97	Winnie Madikizela Mandela	Mandela United Football Club	No	Missing the first page
Durban	23-Oct-97	Philip Powell *	This is Powell's lawyer's representation on why Powell cannot be expected to appear if he is not given information about what the panel knows of his past actions.	No	
Durban	27-Oct-97	Vusimuzi Ishmael Myeza	The record discusses Myeza's duties and role as a policeman with the security branch. He denies multiple allegations where he has been implicated in pointing out people, houses or helping dispose of bodies.	Yes	
Johannesburg	23-Jan-98	Lucas Janse van Vuuren	Winnie Mandela, Stompi Sepei and Paul Verryn	No	
Johannesburg	3-Feb-98	Mr C. Williamson	Structure of security police 1970s	No	Record is missing pages
Cape Town	2-Mar-98	Joe Verster	Civil Co-operation Bureau	Yes	

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Durban	9-Mar-98	M Q Mkhwanazi *	This record details the questioning of Mkhwanazi about his knowledge of the death of Michael Mcetywa.	No	
Johannesburg	26-Mar-98	General Masondo	Quattro	Yes	
Johannesburg	1-Apr-98	Mr Mbelo	Transkei raid of October 1993 and APLA	Yes	
Johannesburg	3-Apr-98	Mtunzi Gabrial Mthembu *	Quattro	No	
East London	6-Apr-98	Mr Wanasi	This record covers Mr Wanasi's time in the Transkei Security police, and his interaction with askaris.	Yes	
East London	6-Apr-98	Mr Booi	This transcript investigates Mr Booi's knowledge of the operations of the Transkei Security police and their relationship with the South African police; as well the operations of askaris in Transkei.	Yes	
Cape Town	17-Apr-98	Wouter Jacobus Basson	Civil Co-operation Bureau	Yes	
Cape Town	24-Apr-98	C Wanase *	Hearing adjournment	No	
Cape Town	4-May-98	George Meiring	Liquor licensing board	Yes	
Cape Town	5-May-98	George Meiring *	Liquor licensing board	No	
Johannesburg	7-May-98	Mr Mnisi *	Quattro	No	
Cape Town	18-May-98	Christo Nel *	Trans-border operations	No	



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Durban	21-May-98	Philip Powell *	This record investigates Powell's influence in setting up Mlaba Camp, as well as his general knowledge of KwaZulu politics and the KwaZulu police force.	No	
Johannesburg	27-May-98	Themba Zimo	The Khumalo Gang	No	
Johannesburg	27-May-98	Tulani Themba Malaba	The Khumalo Gang and the death of Sam Ntuli	No	
Johannesburg	28-May-98	Mandlake Mbatha	Death of Stanza Bopape	Yes	
Johannesburg	28-May-98	Nicholas Zweli Jamani	Ngema tavern shooting	No	
Johannesburg	29-May-98	Peter Sebeko (Solomon Nlam Mbule)	Death of Stanza Bopape	Yes	
Johannesburg	29-May-98	Obet Gadebe	Death of Sam Ntuli	No	
Johannesburg	29-May-98	Albert Mafulela Malaba	The Khumalo Gang and the death of Sam Ntuli	No	
Johannesburg	29-May-98	Mbekiseni Khumalo	The Khumalo Gang and the death of Sam Ntuli	Yes	Record has missing pages
Cape Town	1-Jun-98	David Joseph Klatzow *	Helderberg hearing	No	
Cape Town	1-Jun-98	Gery van der Veer *	Helderberg hearing	No	
Cape Town	2-Jun-98	John Hare *	Helderberg hearing	No	
Cape Town	2-Jun-98	Mr Willemse *	Helderberg hearing	No	
Cape Town	2-Jun-98	Mr Nadel *	Helderberg hearing	No	



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Cape Town	2-Jun-98	Michael Peter Mitchell *	Helderberg hearing	No	
Cape Town	3-Jun-98	Mr Braizblatt *	Helderberg hearing	No	
Cape Town	3-Jun-98	J L Steyn *	Helderberg hearing	No	
Cape Town	3-Jun-98	Richard David Steyl *	Helderberg hearing	No	
Cape Town	3-Jun-98	J Van Rensburg *	Helderberg hearing	No	
Cape Town	3-Jun-98	Colonel Honwana *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	3-Jun-98	JNJ Van Rensburg *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	3-Jun-98	JA Van Druten *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	4-Jun-98	Debora Patta *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	4-Jun-98	JH Basson *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	4-Jun-98	C Williamson *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	4-Jun-98	E Recio *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	4-Jun-98	Anton Uys *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	4-Jun-98	Willem Francois Oosthuizen *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	4-Jun-98	F Mandlazi *	Samora Machel hearing	No	
Cape Town	15-Jun-98	Christo Nel *	Civil Co-operation Bureau	No	
Johannesburg	23-Jun-98	Steven William Hubner	Samora Machel plane crash	Yes	
Johannesburg	23-Jun-98	Dr Minty	Samora Machel plane crash	Yes	
Johannesburg	24-Jun-98	Nicholas Chamane	Ngema tavern attack	Yes	
Johannesburg	24-Jun-98	Mphekeleli Alfred Khumalo	The Khumalo Gang and the death of Sam Ntuli	Yes	



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Johannesburg	24-Jun-98	Mzwakhe Shadrach Khumalo *	Shooting of Nedisi Tshabalala and Happy Mbele	No	
Cape Town	30-Jun-98	Frans H.S. Labuschagne	Vlakplaas	No	Missing pages
Cape Town	10-Jul-98	Frans H.S. Labuschagne *	Investigation of security police structure	No	
Johannesburg	14-Jul-98	P Chimbende	Caprivi; Jackson Road incident	Yes	
Cape Town	14-Jul-98	Mario Mahongo *	SADF in Angola, Namibia and Zambia	No	
Cape Town	15-Jul-98	Christiaan Pace *	Battalion 32	No	
Cape Town	15-Jul-98	Piet Hall	Xu and Khwe communities	Yes	

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