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The Officer in Charge

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Dear Sir

REF: WOZA VS. YOURSELF and two others Case NO. H.C.1619/11

The above matter refers and we write this letter at the instance of our clients WOZA.

As you are aware a provisional order was granted on 20 June 2011 by the High Court in this matter ordering your members who had made camp at our client's premises for almost two weeks to vacate same and restore full possession and occupation of the premises, no 33A Clark Road, Suburbs, and Bulawayo to our clients.

The order was served upon you on 21 June 2011 and pursuant to the order our clients attempted to take possession of the property but they were met with the following disturbing realities:

- (1) Foreign objects were planted in the vehicle that was parked at the premises which our clients do not appreciate or understand but suspect that these could be ammunitions or accessories thereof.
- (2) On entering the premises the place was in a sorry state as everything appears to have been turned outside down with documents flying around the floors.

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- (3) Some foreign documents titled "MAIN AGENDA" were also discovered planted amongst our client's documents. Some foreign blue publications were also part of the planted materials.
- (4) A pungent smell of some chemical was detected mainly concentrated at the entrance area and this could not be established what it is but a number of our client's members who inhaled the chemical had to seek medical attention as they started feeling sick and as this letter is being written one of our client's members have been hospitalised after inhaling the material that seems to have been sprayed in the premises.
- (5) A cell phone Nokia X3 with a South African line and a memory card that was left on the charger in the premises is now missing.
- (6) Food that was in the premises is now gone
- (7) Some male and female condoms were also found which according to our clients were not in the premises prior to the two week invasion

We can also confirm that our clients actually called us to accompany them to the premises as they were not sure if your members had left as yet and they wanted to avoid any unnecessary confrontation and as such we witnessed the issues raise above. Now our clients find it difficult to take possession or occupation of premises that are now littered with all sorts of foreign objects as mentioned above. In any case it is rather impossible to take occupation of the premises that have been infested with an unknown chemical.

Secondly the planted materials mentioned above are the only ones our clients could only detect and since the place was left in shambles our clients could not apprehend what else could have been planted in conspicuous places.

We believe that these issues should obviously be seriously considered if any due process is to be commenced.

We copy this letter to the registrar of the High Court for purposes of the file. We hope your good office will assist.

Yours faithfully



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