



Yesterday a foreign television news channel broadcasted cell-phone video footage that was recorded on 16 August 2012 by two members of the SAPS at what is now known as scene 2. The comment accompanying the broadcast suggested that certain conclusions be drawn concerning the meaning and effect of the video footage. The broadcast also included comment of that kind by a representative of parties participating in the proceedings of the Commission. The content of the broadcast suggests that the video footage has been recently discovered by the television channel or its sources. This incorrect impression is reflected in follow up reports that appeared in yesterday's press.

The true state of affairs is the following. The video footage was recorded by Capt Rylands and Sgt Mahlatsi, two members of the SAPS who were present at scene 2 on 16 August 2012. The footage was provided to the Commission by the SAPS without compulsion and was shown in the Commission on 21 November 2012. The soundtrack of the video footage was of poor quality and when it was shown the voices thereon were not clearly audible. The video footage forms part of the exhibits that have been handed in to date, being exhibits I1 to I5 in respect of the video footage recorded by Capt Rylands, and exhibits CC39 to CC51 in respect of the video footage recorded by Sgt Mahlatsi.

Neither the SAPS nor the parties whose representative is quoted in the broadcast have given testimony before the Commission in relation to the video in question. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the view that it is premature to draw conclusions from the video footage that is included in the broadcast.

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