

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honourable Acting Minister of Police
Republic of South Africa

Cc:
Acting National Commissioner of SAPS
Gauteng Provincial Commissioner of SAPS
Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department (EMPD)
Department of Home Affairs

Date: 28 April 2026

Subject: Urgent Intervention Needed: Disappearance of Mazwi Mpumelelo Kubheka and Growing Safety Concerns in Vosloorus

We are writing to ask for your urgent intervention following the disappearance of **Mr Mazwi Mpumelelo Kubheka (27)**, and the growing concern in Vosloorus about both this case and the broader state of law enforcement in the area.

Mr Kubheka was reported missing on **02 April 2026**. He was last seen in Marimba Gardens after leaving home to deposit money at a bank. He never arrived, and he has not been seen since.

What started as a missing person case has now become something bigger. It has triggered serious concern in the community about safety, policing, and whether the system is responding as it should.

Where the Case Stands

Based on the latest update from SAPS on **27 April 2026**:

- A missing person case was opened and is still under investigation
- Two people have been questioned, and statements were taken
- The docket is being submitted to the Senior Public Prosecutor on 28 April 2026
- There have been no arrests so far

These steps are noted. But the reality is that we are now nearly a month in, and there is still no clear breakthrough.

Growing Concern on the Ground

As time has passed without visible progress, frustration has grown. The issue is now getting attention beyond the immediate community, including protests and media coverage.

At the same time, a number of claims are circulating in the community. These include suggestions that:

1. Mr Kubheka may have been targeted because of a dispute linked to his spaza shop
2. He may have been pressured by Somalis or Pakistanis to sell his business and refused
3. There could be organised illegal foreigners groups influencing or controlling local business activity

We are not presenting these as facts. But the fact that they are spreading so quickly tells you something important - people feel they are not getting clear answers.

If this situation is not handled properly, it risks creating more tension, misinformation, and even leads to community taking matters in their own hands. Most importantly, it weakens trust in law enforcement.

Bigger Issues in Vosloorus

This case is also exposing deeper problems in the area:

- Illegal and unregulated businesses are becoming more common
- Rules around licensing, immigration, and trading are not being properly enforced
- There are increasing reports of intimidation linked to business activity
- Police visibility is limited, and enforcement is inconsistent
- Coordination between SAPS, EMPD, and Home Affairs is not strong enough

All of this is feeding a growing sense that the system is not in control, especially where crime and informal economic activity overlap.

What We Are Asking For

We are asking for clear, decisive action:

1. That you step in directly and ensure this case is treated as a priority, with proper national oversight.
2. That there is clear prosecutorial direction once the docket is submitted on 28 April 2026.
3. That the family receives a proper, detailed update within 7 days - not general feedback, but real information on what has been done and what happens next.
4. That a joint operational team is set up between SAPS, EMPD, and Home Affairs to:
 - o Increase visible policing in Vosloorus
 - o Investigate any criminal networks linked to business activity
 - o Inspect businesses and enforce compliance with the law
 - o Act against any illegal operations
5. That there is a review of how this case has been handled so far, including response times and communication with the family.
6. That a clear, time-bound plan is put in place to stabilise the situation in Vosloorus - including stronger coordination, visible policing, and regular feedback to the community.

Closing

This is no longer just about one case. It's about whether people feel safe, and whether they believe the system works.

The community is not asking for anything unreasonable. They want:

- Action
- Clear communication
- Accountability
- And fair enforcement of the law

If this matter drags on without progress, the risk is not just frustration — it's instability and a complete loss of trust.

This is a moment that calls for firm, visible leadership.

We look forward to your urgent response.

Herman Mashaba
ActionSA President