



# JOASA

## JUDICIAL OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA



### REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SECURITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE 2009

The security special committee was represented by the following JOASA members during 2009, namely, Kalipha Mgodana, (Eastern Cape), Ezra Morrison and Marlene Marais (Free State), Pierre Wessels (Gauteng), Amanda Bezuidenhout and Bessie Du Preez (Kwazulu Natal), Benedict Dzivhani-Mahlape (Limpopo), Paulos Sibuyi (Mpumalanga) and Preggy Govender and Pieter Klazen (Western Cape).

Certain incidents arose this year which JOASA was unclear whether they were related to work matters or personal matters. Due to the fact that it would be too late to rectify a situation once a member had been killed or harmed, JOASA dealt with each matter on a serious note and referred each matter to the Regional Head of the province affected in order that a security risk assessment could be completed.

The following incidents arose where JOASA assisted its members:-

1. An incident arose in Mpumalanga where a Magistrate was threatened that he would be killed. This matter was immediately reported to the Regional Head of Mpumalanga and the security section did a risk assessment and the matter has been resolved.
2. An incident occurred in respect to a Magistrate residing in the Limpopo province. The Magistrate was threatened when a voice mail message was left on his cell phone. The matter was immediately reported by JOASA to the Regional Head of Limpopo.  
There are currently patrols by the police taking place outside the Magistrates home.  
The matter is not yet resolved and is still being investigated by the security section of the Limpopo Regional Office.
3. An incident in the Free State arose when a Magistrate was attacked at the entrance to his court by a member of the public. This matter was immediately reported by JOASA to the Regional Head of the Free State and the matter has been resolved.

4. Another incident arose in the Free State when a Magistrate's husband was arrested for assaulting the said Magistrate. The matter was reported to the Regional head of the Free State and the matter was resolved. The Magistrate has also been moved to another office to ensure her safety.
  
5. An incident occurred at the Pietermaritzburg Magistrate court where a Magistrate's office was broken into and a note was left threatening her life. This matter has been reported by JOASA the Regional Head of Kwazulu Natal and is currently being investigated.

Members must continue to bring security related matters to the attention of the security special committee of JOASA in order that we may assist members.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dario Dosio', is written over a horizontal line.

Dario Dosio

Chairperson of the Security Special Committee Report