

28 July 2023 – The Provincial Commissioner of the Limpopo Province, Lieutenant General MT Hadebe, has sent a document to all senior commanders in the South African Police Service regarding the misinterpretation by police officers regarding the law applicable to the transport, use or possession of a firearm for a purpose other than according to the type of license issued for the firearm.

#### *“4. Conclusion*

*4.1 It is therefore the opinion that, with the exception of licenses issued for business purposes, an offence is not committed if a person transport, use or have in his or her possession a firearm for an additional purpose than the purpose for which the firearm license were issued.*

*4.2 Therefore a person holding a license to possess a firearm for hunting or sport shooting for example, may possess, transport and use that firearm also for another purpose, for example self-defence.”*

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