

Fighting crime is in my blood, says ex-SAPS man

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THIRTY-seven years in the South African Police Service (SAPS), and still fighting crime – that is the story of retired provincial commissioner, Eric Nkabinde.

He retired from the SAPS in 2005 and is now actively pursuing the ends of justice in his private capacity at Simunye Symbiotix.

He spent 31 years of his memorable career serving in various detective units in KwaZulu-Natal and is a well-known figure in the law-enforcement circles in the country. In 1994, Nkabinde was appointed deputy regional area chief of CIS in Pinetown and in 1995, he was appointed deputy provincial head of the detective service, KZN. On numerous occasions, he was tasked to investigate serious and high-profile cases.

During Nkabinde's years in the SAPS, he received specialised investigation training, including international security training at Galilee College, Israel.

He sits on a committee of senior ex-SAPS officers who have been appointed to advise National Commissioner of Police Jackie Selebi in fighting crime and also in monitoring the effectiveness of the SAPS.

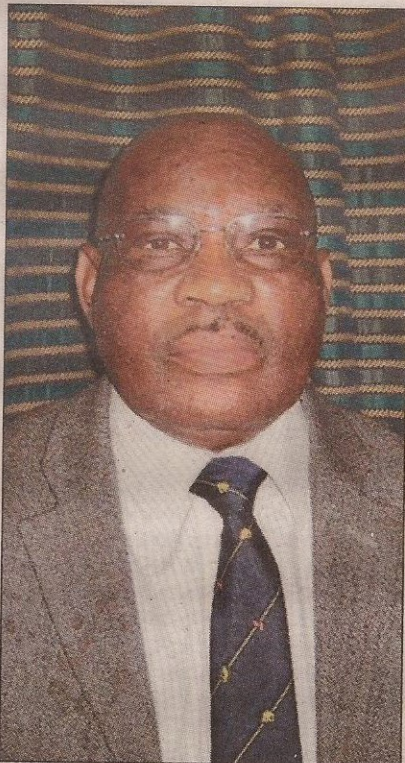
Last year, Nkabinde joined forces with an established KZN-based private investigation company Justicia Investigations to form Simunye Symbiotix.

The company primarily supplies the business world with services such as forensic investigations, telephone bugging and debugging, polygraphs, undercover operatives, covert electronic and physical surveillance, VIP protection, whistle-

blowing and guarding services.

Recently Nkabinde and his team of investigators were successful in assisting the police in apprehending an axe-wielding intruder in Shongweni, who had attacked an 88-year-old woman on her smallholding in Shongweni.

The woman disturbed the intruder, who was wearing a balaclava and wielding an axe. He attacked the woman and made his escape, only to be apprehended within a few hours by private investigators working



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with Nkabinde and the SAPS. The suspect was arrested on a neighbouring farm after information was received from other workers in the area.

"Fighting crime is in my blood," said Nkabinde. "As long as I am able to continue in whatever capacity, it will continue to be my passion."