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SA Gunowners' Association

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**MEDIA RELEASE BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GUNOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (SAGA)
ON THE "WITS" REPORT**

SAGA has noted with great concern that a research paper on firearm violence by the Wits School for Governance ("WITS Report"), commissioned in 2015 by the Civilian Secretariat for Police (CSOP), has apparently been used as the basis for the changes / amendments contained in the proposed Firearms Control Amendment Bill 2021.

This report, which was embargoed until being released by the CSOP on 26 June 2021, was reportedly already in the possession of Gunfree South Africa (GFSa) for some time.

SAGA finds it unacceptable that the report was in the possession of GFSa while being embargoed to other stakeholders.

Although SAGA is in the process of studying the WITS report, on a cursory reading it appears that the WITS report does not support government's contentions that amending the FCA will reduce crime, rather that effective policing is what is required.

SAGA will be updating its submission and will be incorporating these new developments into our final submissions to the CSOP.

We will keep our members up to date as matters develop.

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