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SHOOTING INCIDENT IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority has learnt of a shooting in Machakos County after police responded to a demonstration by university students.

A student sustained gunshot injuries during the incident Monday, December 5, 2022.

In line with provisions of IPOA Act, which dictates that injuries occasioned by actions of the police be investigated by the Authority, a Rapid Response Team has been dispatched to the area with instructions to obtain all information that may be relevant in unveiling the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Where fault is found, the Authority shall make recommendations, including but not limited to prosecution.

Meanwhile, the Authority appeals to the students and residents of the area to maintain calm and allow the due process of the law to take its course.

IPOA remains committed to being independent, impartial and fair.

**ANNE MAKORI, E.B.S.
CHAIRPERSON.**

END

Notes:

CONDITIONS AS TO THE USE OF FORCE AS PER NPS ACT AND SERVICE STANDING ORDERS

- A police officer shall always attempt to use non-violent means first.
- The force used shall be proportional to the objective to be achieved, the seriousness of the offence, and the resistance of the person against whom it is used.
- When the use of force results in injuries the police officers present shall provide medical assistance immediately and unless there are good reasons, failing to do so shall be a criminal offence.
- A police officer who uses any form of force shall immediately, report to his or her superior.
- Any use of force that leads to death, serious injury and other grave consequences shall be reported immediately to the **Independent Police Oversight Authority**.
- It shall be a disciplinary offence for a police officer to fail to report in accordance with these regulations.
- A Police officer in uniform shall at all times affix a nametag or identifiable Service number in a clearly visible part of the uniform.
- Following the orders of a superior is no excuse for unlawful use of force.

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