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INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE DEATH OF A MINOR IN POLICE CUSTODY

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) is established through Cap. 86 of the Laws of Kenya to provide for civilian police oversight.

On Friday 31, May 2024, and pursuant to Sections 6(a) of Cap.86 of the Laws of Kenya, IPOA on its own motion launched investigations into the death of a minor at the Kambuu Police Station in Makueni County, where his mother, Zipporah Mutheu had been detained. IPOA officers have also visited the scene and have so far interviewed a number of witnesses.

Upon completion of investigations and where criminal culpability is proven, IPOA will recommend prosecution.

IPOA CONDEMNS THE ASSAULT OF POLICE OFFICER IN KASARANI

IPOA has also noted with concern an incident in which a motorist attacked and injured a Police Officer on duty in Nairobi County on Sunday, 02, May 2024.

Preliminary reports indicate that Corporal Jacob Ogendo was on traffic management duties along Kamiti Road, Kasarani when he was attacked as he attempted to arrest the motorist. IPOA notes that the involved suspects are all under police custody at the moment.

IPOA strongly condemns such attacks noting that they interrupt the provision of security services, strip the public of policing services, exacerbate disregard to the rule of law and inconveniences Kenyans of their constitutional right to enjoy quality policing services.

IPOA urges Kenyans who feel disgruntled about policing services, or police officers to lodge their complaints with the Authority for investigations through the toll-free number 1559 instead of resorting to attacking the Police.

IPOA remains committed to being independent, impartial and fair.



ANNE MAKORI, E.B.S.
CHAIRPERSON.

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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 is 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 Policing 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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