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## **Statement by the South African Institute of Race Relations on the police's commitment to fight criminality in its ranks**

Yesterday morning the Institute released a report titled **Broken Blue Line – The Involvement of the South African Police Force in Serious and Violent Crime**. The report assessed the extent to which police officers were often themselves implicated in committing serious and violent crimes. It also suggested a number of policy proposals to assist the police in dealing with the problem.

Following the release of that report the Minister of Police issued a statement committing the police to “rooting [out] those tsotsi-cops who may be amongst us”. The Institute welcomes this commitment. It will closely track the police's performance in this area and will issue a new report in due course.