

Corneluis Johannes Botha declare under oath:

1. I am Adjutant Officer in the South African Police Service, connected to the security branch and stationed in Piet Retief.
2. On 28/11/1998 at approximately 04h45 I did my patrol duty on the Piet Retief – Houdkop – Kemp Road.
3. Approximately 8km from the Houdkop border post I noticed a vehicle in the road. The vehicle travelled in the same direction as me.
4. I passed the vehicle and indicated to the driver that he must stop the vehicle.
5. Another vehicle slowed down and the next thing they opened fire on me. I drove faster until the other vehicle stopped.
6. I then stopped, jumped out and fired back. The driver of the other vehicle tried to turn around but drove into a ditch next to the road. They were still shooting.
7. 3 Black men jumped out of the vehicle armed with guns. They moved still shooting from the vehicle in the direction of Swaziland – RSA border, which was about 1 kilometer away.
8. I took my vehicle to a farmhouse that was near to summon help as it was clear I was dealing with terrorists.
9. At the farmhouse I came across 5 SA army members. I reported to them about the shooting incident and then they made radio contact with another group of 5 army members that was on duty approximately 1 kilometer away on duty.
10. A joint search for the 3 terrorists were launched. Near to the RSA/Swaziland border we saw the 3 terrorists. They immediately opened fire on us, and we fired back. All 3 terrorists were dead.
11. In the bag of the second terrorist, I found an evidence book 1-5485057-5, distributed in favor of Mandla Fakude with a photo of the deceased. I also found one F1, one RGD5 and one RGD 42 hand grenades in his bags. Next to his body I found an AK47 with two full and one empty magazine.
12. All the above-mentioned weapons, hand grenades and documentation I handed over to Adjutant Officer Pienaar and I also identified the body to him.
13. I took the body to the mortuary in Piet Retief and the body did sustain any other injuries.
14. I am familiar with the contents of this above mentioned and understand it. I have no objection taken the prescribed oath. I regard this oath as binding.

Signed by CJ Botha in Piet Retief on 29/11/1985 at 15h00.

Above mentioned oath was taken by FJ Pienaar.

Theo Johan Victor declare under oath:

1. I am Nr 76217108BT a Corporal in the South African Army connected to the Dan Pienaar Regiment that is currently doing border duty at the RSA/Swaziland border at Amsterdam.
2. On 28/11/1985 I oversaw a section of 5 men that was doing observation work at Roburnia near Houdkop border.
3. At approximately 04h45 Adjutant Officer Botha who is a member of the South African Police came to the observation point.
4. As a result of the report, I made radio contact with Corporal W Badenhorst who was approximately 1 kilometer from where we were and had an observation point. I gave him a report.
5. My section and I went with A/O Botha in the direction of the Piet Retief/Houdkop/Kemp Road. From the Main Road we moved further in the direction of the RSA/Swaziland border.
6. When we moved nearer to the border, suddenly shots were fired. I noticed 3 black men in front of us. They were armed with guns, and they shot at Corporal Badenhorst section. I instructed my section to get cover and return fire.
7. After the shoot out all 3 men were dead. I saw that all 3 men were armed with AK47 guns and hand grenades.
8. I am familiar with the contents of this above mentioned and understand it. I have no objection taken the prescribed oath. I regard this oath as binding.

Signed by TJ Victor in Piet Retief on 29/11/1985 at 14h00.

Above mentioned oath was taken by FJ Pienaar.

Willem Durand Badenhorst declare under oath:

1. I am Nr 80399272BT a Corporal in the South African army connected to the Dan Pienaar Regiment that is currently doing border duty at the RSA/Swaziland border at Amsterdam.
2. On 28/11/1985 I was in charge of a section of 5 men that was at a observation post at the RSA/Swaziland border at Roburnia.
3. Approximately at 04h50 I got a radio message from Corporal Victor and a report about three armed black men that was in the vicinity.
4. I withdrew my section from the observation point and we moved in the direction of Piet Retief/Houdkop/Kemp Road.
5. After me and my section already moved a bit on the road, we noticed the three men in front of us. They must have seen us as well because they immediately took cover and fired some shots at my section.
6. I gave the order that they must return fire. At this stage I observed that Corporal Victor's section also started shooting. All three men were dead.
7. After the shootout I noticed that all three men were armed with AK47 guns and hand grenades.
8. If the three black men did not shoot at my men I would not have given the order to fire.
9. I am familiar with the contents of this above mentioned and understand it. I have no objection taken the prescribed oath. I regard this oath as binding.

Signed by WD Badenhorst in Piet Retief on 29/11/1985 at 14h30.

Above mentioned oath was taken by CJ Badenhorst

Frederick Johannes Pienaar declare under oath:

1. I am Adjutant Officer in the South African Police Service connected to the security branch and stationed in Piet Retief.
2. On 28/11/1985 I received the following weapons, ammunition, and hand grenades from A/O Botha: -  
3 AK47 guns, 1 RPD (5) heavy machine guns, 460 rounds ammunition, 15 magazines, 2 F1 hand grenades, 1 RGD 42 hand grenade, 3 RGD 5 hand grenades.  
All these above-mentioned weapons and hand grenades are from the Eastern block countries.
3. I also found 45 fired shells on the scene of the shooting. The high grass made the search more difficult.
4. The bodies of the three black men were recognized by A/O Botha whereas I pointed out the body to Constable Wepener as this of Mandla Fakude.
5. The deceased is a well-known trained member of the banned African National Congress and was trained overseas.
6. I am familiar with the contents of this above mentioned and understand it. I have no objection taken the prescribed oath. I regard this oath as binding.

Signed by FJ Pienaar in Piet Retief on 29/11/1985 at 15h00.

Above mentioned oath was taken by CJ Botha.