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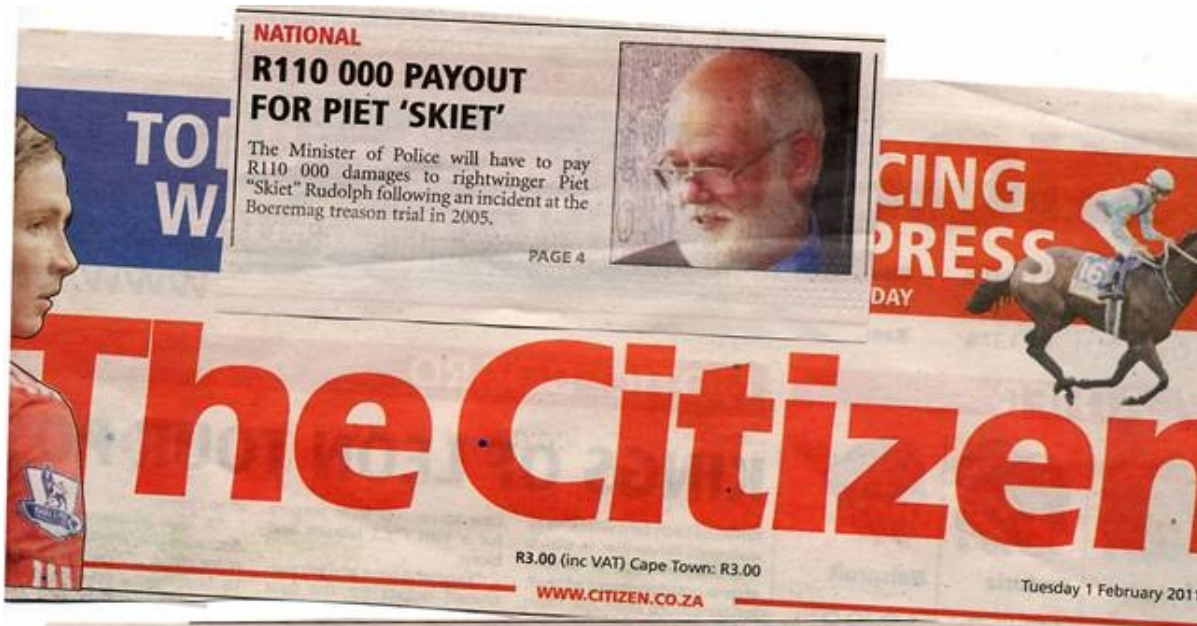
Meegaande persberigte uit Citizen en Pretoria News. Die “Kaapse” koerant met die koloniale mentaliteit, Beeld, het soos normaalweg in sewe tale geswyg.

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Rightwinger wins case

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THE Minister of Police will have to pay R110 000 damages to rightwinger Piet "Skiet" Rudolph following an incident at the Boeremag treason trial in the North Gauteng High Court in 2005.

In a settlement reached in the North Gauteng High Court yesterday, the minister did not acknowledge liability but agreed to pay the amount, as well as Rudolph's legal costs.

Rudolph initially sued the minister and Boeremag investigators Captain Johannes Cornelius Vice and Superintendent Tollie Vreugdenburg for R510 000 in damages for his unlawful assault, arrest and detention and the abuse of the legal process against him.

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at the Boeremag treason trial after he refused to let his wife be searched and allegedly told a black policeman to address him in Afrikaans "and not the language of the anti-Christ".

He was charged with assault, intimidation and crimen injuria after allegedly threatening to beat up Vice and called him a "Boereslaner" (Boer assaulter) and "Boereverraaiër" (Boer traitor). He was also alleged to have threatened to "take out" Vice

and Vreugdenburg, but in 2006 he was acquitted on all of the charges.

He claimed in court papers that Vice had assaulted him in grabbing him by the shoulders to stop him entering the courtroom, resulting in injuries to his neck and arm. Rudolph said the policemen had acted in bad faith, caused his prolonged detention and set the law in motion against him despite knowing they had no case, resulting in him losing his freedom and in harm to his good name and reputation.

In court papers, the minister and police officers denied Rudolph's arrest and detention had been unlawful, saying he had been obstructing police from carrying out their duties and had disturbed the court. They said he had insulted a policewoman and threatened other members.

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Piet 'Skiet' guns for cops; wins damages

Gets R1 10 000 payout after arrest at Boeremag trial

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HIGH COURT REPORTER

RIGHTWINGER Piet "Skiet" Rudolph is to receive R110 000 in damages from the police following an altercation with officers at the Boeremag trial in the Pretoria High Court, which ended with his being arrested and detained for several days.

He initially claimed more than R500 000 in damages from the minister of safety and security, but the matter was settled yesterday, with the police agreeing to pay him R110 000.

The settlement was reached without the police accepting liability.

Rudolph also brought the claim against two of the Boeremag investigating officers, Captain Johannes Vice and Superintendent Tollie Vreugdenburg.

Rudolph said in papers that Vice maliciously assaulted him on May 4, 2005, at the high court.

Vice had grabbed him by the shoulders and "with force, threw him out of the court where the Boeremag trial was being conducted", he said.

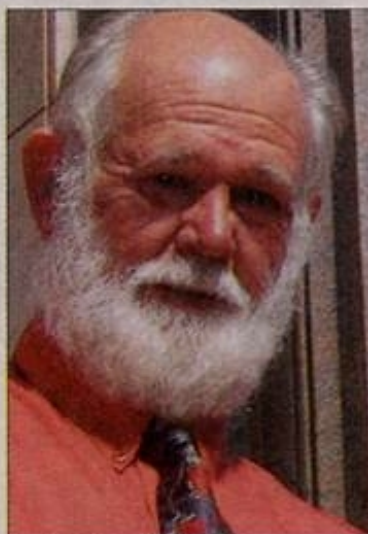
Rudolph said this was in full view of court orderlies and the public.

He claimed R50 000 for this, saying he had injured his neck and arm and had been humiliated.

His second claim, for R110 000, related to his being arrested without a warrant.

Rudolph said he had been held in custody at the Pretoria Central police station. He had appeared in court the next day, but was not released on bail.

At the request of the two policemen he was detained for a further seven days, he said. This was so his address could be confirmed and the police could establish whether he had previous convictions before bail could be granted.



Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph

He alleged the cops abused the law, saying there were no grounds to keep him behind bars. The police knew full well the details of his address, his previous convictions and that he was not a flight risk, he said.

Rudolph said his bail of R500 was not opposed at his next appearance in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court on May 12, 2005.

Following several court appearances on charges of assault, intimidation and crimen injuria, and the leading of evidence, he was eventually acquitted on December 1, 2006 of the charges against him.

Rudolph said the two police officers had known there was no merit in the charges against him.

For this he claimed R350 000 in damages he said he had suffered, including damage the trial had done to his "good name and reputation".

The police – who opposed the damages claim before agreeing to settle – said Rudolph had been arrested for obstructing the police in performing their duties of maintaining public order at the entrance

of the courtroom, which was at the time "hearing a sensitive national security case".

It was said that Rudolph called the police "traitors and sellouts of the Boere people" because he did not want his wife searched before she entered the court.

It was also alleged that Rudolph manhandled Vice by pulling him by his tie. Rudolph, it was stated, also threatened the cops with death by telling them they were going to die for what they were doing to the "Boere".

The police said Rudolph's conduct had disturbed the peace and integrity of the court, which had been in session at the time.

They added that at no time did they assault Rudolph.

They said they had used "minimum force" to remove him from the entrance area of the court, where he was causing a commotion.

Vice, in a statement made following the incident, said he had warned Rudolph to be quiet as he was disrupting the court proceedings.

According to Vice, Rudolph insisted on entering the courtroom, but Vice pushed the door closed.

The elderly Rudolph then told the policeman, who was 1.82m and weighed 130kg, "*Mannetjie, ek donner jou (I'll smack you)*", before he grabbed Vice by the tie.

As Rudolph would not let go, Vice picked him up by the collar of his jacket and "moved to the foyer with him". He said Rudolph threatened to harm him for what Vice had done to the Boere by "being a traitor" and told him he and the other police officers would "pay for what they were doing to the Boere".

It was stated that the police needed seven days' grace before Rudolph could be freed on bail, so they could establish whether he would carry out his threats against them. The police said they took him seriously when he threatened them with violence.

