

Date: 30 April 2026

FORMAL STATEMENT – Case 221/04/2026

I do not agree with the claim made against me by the complainant. While there was a mutual dispute, I deny the allegations made against me.

The video evidence in my **Case No. 291/5/2025** clearly shows that the incident took place on Saturday morning, **24 May 2025** and not on **25 May 2026**, as alleged by the complainant.

At the time, my girlfriend and I were invited to Gwen's brother's birthday party. As stated in my original submission under **Case No. 291/5/2025**, the only reason I returned to the party later that evening was to question the complainant regarding an assault on my girlfriend.

Although my girlfriend did not open a formal case due to the lack of direct evidence, aside from visible bruising, she did seek medical attention from a qualified medical practitioner for the injuries sustained. I am in possession of her J88 form as well as a supporting medical certificate.

With regard to the conversation between myself and the complainant, which took place approximately a year ago, I cannot recall the exact wording. However, the interaction can be summarised as follows:

After returning to the party, Gwen's father came outside and I asked him if can speak to Qwen. Qwen then came outside seconds after, obviously heard I was looking for her. I questioned her about what had happened. Gwen just had a smirk on her face stating that "nothing happened". I then stated that it is funny how "nothing happened" but my girlfriend is showing physical bruise marks all over her body and was in tears. Gwen then laughed and did not provide any explanation. I then told Qwen that she would be receiving correspondence from our attorney regarding the matter, after which I turned and the left towards the front gate.

While I was outside near my vehicle, Gwen's boyfriend, who was not part of the conversation and whom I have never met before, approached and assaulted me next to my vehicle outside the premises. I did not retaliate physically during the incident, and Gwen had to pull him off me. Gwen then stated, "this is what he wanted". I did not engage and remained non-violent throughout. Gwen's boyfriend shouted words at me before I climbed into my vehicle, stating "you were looking for me and you have now found me". I then entered my vehicle and left.

I confirm that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection.



Dewald Potgieter (ID 9005085114080)

Signed Date: 30 April 2026

Place: Gqeberha