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MSA COURT OF ENQUIRY 1083: TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED INCIDENT BETWEEN MR KEITH WILLIS (FATHER OF COMPETITOR WARREN WILLIS) AND MRS MARLENE SWANEPOEL (POST CHIEF – PITS) DURING A REGIONAL MOTORCYCLE EVENT HELD AT ZWARTKOPS RACEWAY ON 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011. HEARING HELD IN THE MSA BOARDROOM, 9 MONZA CLOSE, KYALAMI PARK AT 17H30 ON WEDNESDAY, 05<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011.

Present: Glenn Rowden Court President Wally Pappas Court Member **Grant Shearer** Court Member Ken Cromarty Clerk of Course Terry Stidworthy MSA Steward Christo Reeders Club Steward Keith Willis Competitor Nic Alloway Pit Marshal Marlene Swanepoel Post Chief Maria Buys MSA

The court president introduced himself and the other court members. There were no objections to the composition of the court. After having heard the evidence presented, the court finds as follows:

- 1. It is common cause that Mr Willis Jnr rode through the pit area on his scooter contrary to SR's clause 23.5.
- 2. It was confirmed that there was a verbal altercation between Mr. Willis (Snr) and Mrs. Swanepoel.
- 3. The court does not condone abuse of officials.
- 4. Mr. Willis (Snr) admitted to his outburst, for which he apologised. No foul language was used, as confirmed by Mrs. Swanepoel. The court viewed this as a mitigating factor, to be taken into consideration when deciding on a penalty.

Based on the above, the court makes the following finding:

Mr Willis (Jnr)'s competition licence is withdrawn for a period of 3 months. This withdrawal of licence is however suspended for a period of 12 months and shall only be invoked should he be found guilty of a similar offence during the period of suspension.

All parties are reminded of their rights of appeal to the MSA National Court of Appeal.

Findings read at 18h25

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