***Appreciation Letter:***

***By***

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On the 7th of August 2020, a deplorable incident escalated in the Western Cape George Garden Route, the shooting incident that left many stunned, traumatized and left many with countless and endless questions. As such a theatrical incident has never escalated in the Western Cape George Garden Route before, as this left many appalled.

The shooting incident that was wholly experienced by me ***Janneke Rhosanda Chenay Bergman*** as Provincial traffic officer; this was one of the most rigorous and histrionic experiences encountered by me on the 7th of August 2020. As Provincial traffic officer, I was present to assist my colleagues as they were in dire need of this assistance and I was present to assist as per the requirements stipulated and according to all duties set forth as a traffic official. However, this quickly escalated dramatically as the “criminal” did not adhere and comply with any rules, regulations and acts according to the law and overall the justice system. As a traffic official, the scene was not fled by me as I consistently recapped myself on a daily basis about the stipulated rules, regulations and requirements set forth to be a traffic official, although my colleagues fled the scene once the “shooting” escalated, I remained and stood my guard as a traffic official of the law and fought to restrain the “criminal” as that is wholly and fully my duty.

This dramatically escalated quickly where I, ***Janneke Rhosanda Chenay Bergman*** was harmed profoundly as traffic official. I was rushed to hospital immediately, as this intense experience left me fighting for my life. For a period of time, I was hospitalized and encountered countless and endless medical attention this includes: surgical treatments and psychological treatments, until this day I am still encountering the same treatments set forth by medical clinicians. As this incident left me with a great deal of scares, scares that will consistently remind about the incident that escalated, scares that will remind friends, family and the public about the incident that deteriorated on the 7th of August 2020. Today, I am not just left behind with scares; however I am left with a great deal of emotional and psychological trauma due to the incident. Although, time led to a great deal of healing internally and externally I was and am still affected immensely by this incident. Be that as it may, I do not wish this horrific experience on any officer and or official of the law as it can change your life significantly over time. Although I am left affected physically, emotionally and psychologically, I remain on my knees, I remain reforming, recovering and I remain pushing and moving forward with my life and act out my duties as a Provincial traffic official of the law.

On the 9th of June 2023 judgement on the accused Bonginkosi Ndevu was handed down by Magistrate Ms. Emma Moloro sentencing the accused to 40 years imprisonment for the shooting incident that escalated on the 7th August 2020 and wholly and fully experienced by me ***Janneke Rhosanda Chenay Bergman***, where he was found guilty on all seven charges as stipulated. It is with this that I would firstly like to extend my appreciation and gratitude towards our heavenly Father for a second chance at life, the police officers who were on the scene, the paramedics whom attended to me speedily, all the Provincial traffic officials from all the different settings, Municipality traffic officials, the Law enforcement officials, all the staff of George medic clinic, all the staff of Genieva clinic, all the staff of Pacaltsdorp Pharmacy, all medical clinicians: House General Practitioners, all Doctors (Surgeons), Physiotherapists, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Occupational therapist and all Radiology staff, the investigating Detectives and all the Correctional service officials. Secondly, I would also like to extend my appreciation towards friends, family and overall the public for all their prayers, love and support during the immense and challenging time.

Lastly, I would like to extend my enormous appreciation and gratitude towards Magistrate Ms. E Moloro and Prosecutor Mr. H Marx for their remarkable, extraordinary and incomparable work accordingly to what the justice system stipulates, justice was certainly conceded by all stipulated acts of the law and patently this is certainly a victory for me, friends, family, the public and the justice system of South Africa.