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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**DATE:** Thursday, 28 April 2016

**EMBARGO:** None

### **A CIVILIAN DOCTOR ARRESTED ON ALLEGATIONS OF COMMITTING MULTIPLE SEXUAL ASSAULTS AT THE SA ARMY INFANTRY SCHOOL**

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) confirms that a civilian doctor was arrested by the Oudtshoorn South African Police Service (SAPS) on Saturday, 23 April 2016 and charged for alleged acts of sexual assault committed over period 18 to 21 April 2016, at the SA Army Infantry School in Oudtshoorn.

The civilian doctor is conducting his community service at the Unit's sickbay. He appeared in court in Oudtshoorn on Thursday, 28 April 2016 and was granted bail. He faces alleged charges of sexual assault including rape allegedly committed whilst he was conducting medical examinations on two (02) new female recruits under the Military Skills Development System (MSDS) at the SA Army Infantry School. The Oudtshoorn SAPS is investigating the alleged charges. At this stage no further info can be supplied as the matter is still under investigation.

The Department of Defence (DOD) will, concurrent to the SAPS investigation, invoke its internal processes to address the matter.

The SANDF is cooperating with the investigations as any legally-proven act of ill-discipline is not and will not be tolerated from any member in the employment of the SANDF regardless of their social standing and or appointment within the organisation.

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