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**EFF LEADER MUST REPORT ALLEGED INTIMIDATION TO POLICE FOR
INVESTIGATION**

The Minister of Police, Mr Nkosinathi Nhleko has noted the reports of alleged intimidation of the leader of the Economic Freedom Fighters by in Sandton as reported widely in the news media

The Minister has called on the Julius Malema to report to the nearest police station the incident with full details to enable police to probe the alleged incident.

“It would help the police immensely if Mr Malema were to report the incident – and other incidents referred to by the EFF spokesperson so that these could be investigated thoroughly. It does not serve any purpose to accuse police without opening the necessary complaint to allow the police to fully investigate these complaints. If any of the members were to be found to have acted or are acting outside of the SAPS Code of Conduct, I would urge the Acting National Commissioner to take necessary action against those members as soon as possible,” he said.

Failure to report only serves to cast aspersions on the police.

“I appeal to all leaders – political, business, traditional or even church leaders to show leadership and desist from making innuendos without following up with necessary action so that all complaints will be dealt with. It serves no purpose but to

delegitimise the police to cast aspersions like this without the necessary details and action to enable us to get to the bottom of such complaints,” Nhleko said.

The Minister also asked the EFF leader to report this matter further to the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) so that a body, independent of SAPS can probe these allegations. //Ends

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