**C/292/2022**

**Anonymous complaint – No action taken by the Police Department for removal of a car which had remained parked and unattended at Coriolis Street, Rose Hill**

On 19 December 2022, this Office received an anonymous complaint from residents of Coriolis Street, Rose Hill, stating that action had not been taken despite a letter addressed to the following; Commissioner of Police, Officer in Charge ADSU, Police de L’environnement, Ministry of Environment etc and Western Division, District Headquarters, Rose Hill regarding a car allegedly belonging to a drug dealer, which had remained parked and unattended along the public road for around six months.

They averred that the car represented a real danger to vehicular traffic at night and was an inconvenience and eyesore to all nearby residents. There were mud debris all around the car and dead animals beneath the car which were causing a strong smell in the neighbourhood. Strangers passing by the car also tried to tamper with it. In addition, the licence and insurance vignettes of the car had expired.

The Ombudsman initiated an own-motion investigation by virtue of section 97(1)(c) and the Commissioner of Police informed that the abandoned car at Coriolis Street Rose Hill has been towed to the Rose Hill Police Station for enquiry.

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