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Re: Police items found near scene of Khayelitsha attack

The fact that police clothes, a police notebook and a balaclava were found near the scene of this Monday's attack on three Khayelitsha houses is bad enough. The allegation by the police that these items were planted by criminals in order to discredit the police is ludicrous.

The ANC Western Cape insists that the police address this matter with the seriousness it deserves. We demand to know whether these items were reported stolen and, if so, the number of the docket opened for the theft.

This is not by any means the first time that the police have left evidence of their involvement in the violence. Nor is it the first time that they have produced a suspiciously thin story to explain items found at or near the scene of place where a violent incident took place.

Last year the ANC acquired a police cap, complete with name and number, from a resident who had grabbed it from a policeman who was attacking him. On this occasion the police claimed that the policeman in question had lost his cap while chasing a criminal.

We question whether anybody believes these explanations. Certainly both the ANC and the communities who directly witness and experience these incidents view with deep suspicion increasingly transparent attempts by the police to deny their involvement in the violence.

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