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The CEO,
NHSA.

Dear Herman,

**MISLEADING MEDIA RELEASE ON 7 NOVEMBER 2018 IN
RESPECT OF RENEWAL OF EXPIRED FIREARM LICENSES.**

1. I have taken notice of a “media release” doing the rounds on social media today stating that **the High Court has made an order in terms of which expired firearm licenses can now be renewed.**
2. **This is unfortunately not the correct legal position.** This fake news is based on the **interim court order** that was given on 27 July 2018 by Judge Prinsloo in the North - Gauteng High Court, Pretoria, when he ordered that the Police should stop threatening firearms

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owners whose white licenses have expired without it being renewed, with prosecution or to accept their firearms for destruction **pending the outcome of the main application.**

3. In the main application (which has not yet been heard) an application will be made to order the Police to renew firearm licenses that have expired.
4. The Police's computer system presently does not allow for the renewal of firearm licenses which have expired. The court has also not yet given an order to compel the Police to process such late applications. **Firearm owners should therefore not expect to be able to renew their expired firearm licenses soon.**
5. At the moment there is not much happening about the firearm amnesty but I shall inform you as soon as there are developments at that front.
6. I must also make the remark that I believe it is very irresponsible to spread such misleading rumours because it leads to a lot of confusion under firearm owners and it will adversely impact on the relationship with the Police.

Yours faithfully.

JUAN KOTZE