

## **Example of a full statement after a stock theft incident.**

### **VERKLARING/STATEMENT**

**VOLLE VOORNAME/FULL FIRST NAMES:** .....

**VAN/SURNAME:** .....

**ID NO:** .....

**RAS/RACE:** .....

**GESLAG/SEX:** .....

**OUDERDOM/AGE:** .....

**BEROEP/OCCUPATION:** .....

**WOONADRES/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:** .....

**TEL NO:** .....

**WERKSADRES/ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER:** .....

**TEL NO:** .....

#### **VERKLAAR ONDER EED IN AFRIKAANS/STATE UNDER OATH IN ENGLISH:**

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I farm on abovementioned farm. My farm consists of livestock/mixed agriculture, etc. I have a registered stock brand mark and attach a copy of my brand mark. I have/do not have a herder that tends the cattle every day. On Saturday 2014-06-04 at approximately 10:00 I checked my cattle in the veld where they were grazing. I suspected trouble when I noticed that the fence between my land and the bordering Steenbokgat communal land appeared slack.

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I investigated and found that the boundary fence probably had been flattened and that there were tracks of cattle apparently driven from my land to Steenbokgat. I estimate about three (3) cattle. I also noted unfamiliar footprints that looked like a tackie and a gumboot, presumably of the person who drove the cattle. The tracks appeared reasonably fresh.

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I immediately phoned home and asked my wife to contact the local police and inform them of the incident. I noticed that from that point the animals moved in different directions.

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I went back to my farm where I got my workers to round up my cattle in order to determine whether there were animals missing and how many. I used cardboard boxes to cover the unfamiliar footprints for the police investigation.

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At approximately 11:30 the police arrived and they were present when I counted the cattle. The details of the members of police present are as follows..... I own seventy (70) breeding cows, twelve (12) heifers, thirteen (13) months of age and twelve (12) suckling calves younger than six (6) months, all of the Simbra breed. I also own two (2) white Brahman bulls. The brand mark on the cattle is LX on the left hind thigh. There are red ear tags in the left ears of all the animals, indicating the birthdate of the animal.

I checked the cattle in the presence of the police against my stock register and found that three (3) cattle are missing: one (1) red cow with an angular white blaze of approximately 20 cm, about three (3) months in calf, and two (2) heifers, approximately thirteen (13) months of age, the one red with a white blaze and white left foreleg and hindleg and the other yellowy in colour.