

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

I, Ghammaad Essa, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:-

1.

I am an adult male residing at 131 Taurus Road, Surrey Estate with telephone number 084 846 1828 and employed at Anything Renovate Construction And Civils.

2.

The facts contained in this affidavit fall within my personal knowledge unless indicated otherwise or unless it appears so from the context. The facts are also, to the best of my knowledge and belief, both true and correct.

3.

On 16/02/2025 at about 20:55, my friends and I were walking along the Sea Point Promenade at Sunset Beach where we discovered a beautiful owl that just landed on the handrail. I then took out my phone and took a video because we have never seen this in person before and we were amazed, until an African man, who appears to be one of the car guards, sneaked out from behind the bushes with a stick in his hand and slowly walking towards the owl without anyone of us thinking he had bad intentions of hurting the owl. As soon as he was behind the owl, he cruelly hit the owl off the handrail with the wooden stick. The owl landed on the ramp below the pathway. For a few minutes the owl was still alive and breathing but unfortunately passed away. We then shouted at the guy and asked him what his reason was hitting the owl and all he could say was the owl was "hunting" him, which was not true as the owl was quietly sitting on the rail and posing no risk to any person. I then contacted the Sea Point Police after the incident and they said they would send someone out for the guy, but I have not heard anything further from them. The cruel killing of the owl was unnecessary. It is upsetting that this was done to such a beautiful animal that we barely see out in the free world. I would like this man to be arrested for his cruel and illegal actions. I am able to point out the man to the authorities if required.

4.

I know and understand the content of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.

Ghammaad Essa

DEPONENT

The deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at Sea Point on this the 17 day of February 2025, the regulations contained in Government Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended, and Government Notice No R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.

[Signature]
COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: CLAASEN

Designation: CONSTABLE

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