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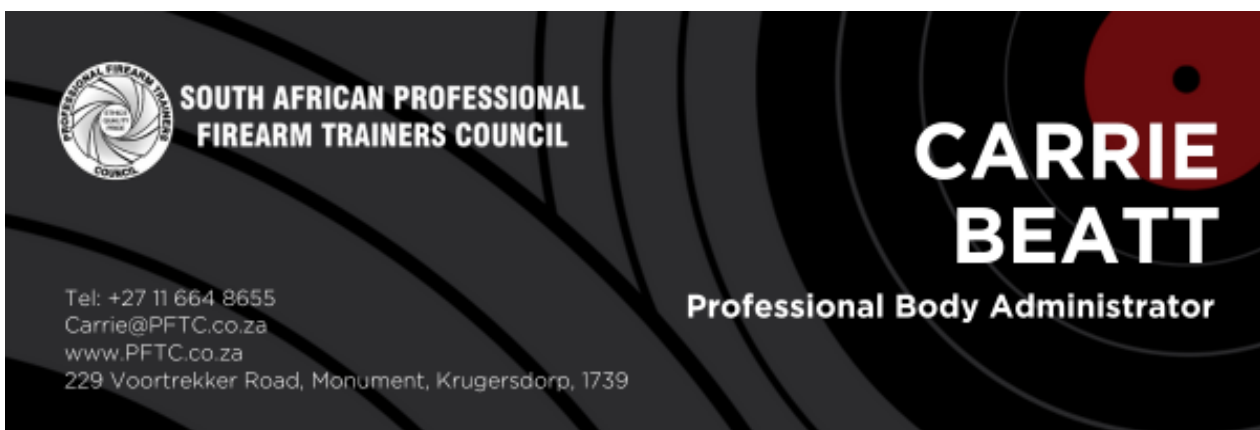
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Good Morning Jonathan,

Thank you for your email and for bringing this to our attention.

Your email has been sent to the ETQA department for further attention and feedback.

Kind Regards,



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From: Marksman Arms <info@marksmanarms.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 03 March 2026 18:52
To: carrie@pftc.co.za
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Subject: PFTC Assistance

Hi Carrie

Thanks for taking my call this afternoon. I am one of the new owners of Marksman Arms and Firearms Training in Pretoria.

It has been a torrid time dealing with the CFR and a bunch of ex-owners who continue to act with immunity on their actions regarding both the firearms dealerships

continue to act with integrity on their actions regarding both the training side and then what we have uncovered concerning the training side.

HISTORY

We received a call in November 2025 from a customer, who will remain anonymous for now, who said that we need to double check all the training conducted by Dawie Nel and to ask anyone where they conducted their physical practical shoot as he did not need to do it and he got his proficiency certificate and went and got his competency.

This customer was obviously a disgruntled customer but we took this seriously and conducted our own investigation where we have now found some inconsistencies.

1. Over the last few months we have had multiple customers come into the store requesting us to print them their statement of results for training provided by Marksman before our take over.
 - a. I have told the team that ANY customer not tested by us as the new owners, must be able to provide the date and venue of their practical shoot as we are trying to investigate the matter that was brought to our attention on how Dawie Nel may have conducted his training business.
 - b. We are not sure if we have the right to ask the above but in our opinion, as the new owners, we are required to investigate serious allegations like the above in order to ensure Marksman Arms and Firearms Training cc, as an accredited training provider, sets an example and takes an official stand against what we view as corrupt and fraudulent practices.
2. We have essentially stopped the printing of ALL statement of results for any customer "trained" by Dawie Nel.
3. We have also been made aware that Koos De Beer who was marking the books, uploading to the PFTC portal and taking the classes is not qualified to do so and was simply doing the work that Dawie Nel was supposed to do and Dawie Nel simply signed it.
4. We have a number of manuals from Global and ITA which we have not used or sold to any clients as we do not want to touch any training materials that could be tarnished by the serious allegations above.
5. All our books are from GUNCO exclusively for this reason as this ensures we are completely separated.
6. We have over 3000 POE files in storage in the shop. We randomly chose 50 of these files and called the clients to ask them the details and where they did their qualification shoot and also asked who took the classes?
 - a. The results will shock you but we would prefer to have your office do your own independent investigation as we have already begun to compile our list.
7. We also have gun shot markings in the safe and we have photos of an old hackston contraption which was clearly used to shoot targets on behalf of clients

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8. We have been continually abused, slandered and subjected to unsubstantiated gossip from both Dawie and Adri Nel who continued to invoice clients for firearms storage, invoiced for training which they never concluded in our store and then continued to upload clients as they saw fit.

9. We did change this once we appointed Ray Crichton and they were locked out of the system eventually.

10. On this note, ANY clients uploaded after 15 August 2025 by Dawie Nel never completed their written exam in our classroom which is also legally required.

OUR DILEMMA

1. We are here to bring change to the industry, we want to help these clients which could total thousands of case. We are not sure what we can do?

2. We are not going to cover this up, we have thought about contacting all the clients and telling them we will do their practical shoot and submit this to PFTC so they have at least done what is legally required.

3. The costs of this would be substantial and we not sure if this would even be legal and that's why after debating what to do we decided to make contact with the PFTC and discuss how we can solve this problem?

It goes without saying that this is a serious matter and a tarnish on the industry to which we are now trying to get advice on how to fix this? We do not want to be tarnished by this and we also do not want to have clients lose their certificates because of the unscrupulous actions of Dawie Nel.

Please can you advise on what we can do.

Thank you,

Jonathan

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