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### **Zondo Commission – CI slush fund used for private perks**

Former crime intelligence (CI) officer Dhanajaya Naidoo closed off his testimony at the Zondo commission of inquiry into state capture with a tearful apology for his role in the looting of CI's secret service account. Naidoo made more revelations about the looting of the slush fund and the intelligence officers who unlawfully benefited from the account.

“During my time in crime intelligence I made decisions which I regret, I am sorry for my actions... I hope my testimony will result in something positive,” said Naidoo.

The secret service account was intended to fund operational work but instead was used for security upgrades in the homes of former CI boss Richard Mdluli and other CI officers. Naidoo told the commission that he was personally responsible for claiming funds from the account for one CI officer who had recently had her home broken into. Naidoo, who has been under witness protection for eight years, spoke to the commission through an audio link from an unknown location. He alleged that with instructions from General Solomon Lazarus, security beams and an electric fence were installed at the officer's home. Naidoo further alleged that he made the claim for the security upgrades himself - they were worth R40 000.

He also claimed that he knows that Mdluli got a R200 000 security upgrade for his home in Boksburg, which included security beams, electric fence and an alarm system. Naidoo claimed to be aware of this upgrade because the claim from the secret service account was made in his name and this was done on Lazarus' instructions. Naidoo additionally alleged that CI funded Mdluli's numerous trips to Cape Town and that of his girlfriend and the girlfriend's sister.

However, Naidoo did not exonerate himself in his testimony as he claimed that at some point he wanted a VW Golf which cost about R240 000. He told the commission that the crime intelligence secret service account was used to purchase the vehicle. He also added that he inflated the vehicle's cost in order to secure more funds from the account to help fund renovations at his house too.

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