

PRESS RELEASE

Activists for ‘Zwarte Piet is Racisme’ are unsatisfied with the processing of their complaint

Amsterdam, 25 September 2012 – The police corps Zuid-Holland-Zuid has not answered to important aspects of the complaint filed by three people in response to their unlawful arrest during the arrival of Sinterklaas last year in Dordrecht. The complainants have therefore requested that the Mayor evaluate the complaint.

The important question of whether artists Quinsy Gario and Kno’Ledge Cesare were allowed to be expelled from the square has not been answered, whilst apparently the investigation into the force used by the police during their arrest has not been fully completed. Moreover, the police corps has questioned the opinion of the Public Prosecutor’s office that the arrest was unlawful. On these and other key points, the complainants would now like the opinion of the Mayor himself.

Complainants hope that the matter can be resolved satisfactorily within the next two months, namely before the arrival of Sinterklaas this year.

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