

## South Africa deserves a professional police service committed to intelligence-led, evidence-based and responsive policing.

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- 2. SAPS as environmental design activists?
- 3. Civilian Secretariat for Police's Analysis of Resource Allocation
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Dr Genine Josias, the principal medical officer of the Khayelitsha Thuthuzela Forensic Centre related the discovery that a serial rapist was operating in the Endlovini neighbourhood. She noticed, during the course of 2010, four or five rape cases of little girls had taken place over a period of time. All of the little girls had been seriously assaulted and raped. All the cases were referred to Red Cross Hospital for specialised medical examination and repair under anaesthesia.



#### According to Dr Josias, -

"...the first were raped in a similar manner; they had been individually lured away into a bushy area in the Endlovini informal settlement. To me, even as someone who has never received training in police investigation, it was apparent that the *modus operandi in the perpetration of these rapes was similar*. They all presented similar facts. It seemed to me that we were dealing with the case of a serial rapist."



Only after Dr Josias threatened to go to the media did SAPS set up a task team.

The Thuthuzela Centre worked closely with the task team, contacting them whenever a survivor of a sexual assault with a similar history presented at the Centre. It took eighteen months for the perpetrator to be arrested. By that time twenty rapes and one murder had taken place. The perpetrator was linked to all the cases by DNA evidence.



Dr Josias also testified that the serial rape incident indicated that there is a need for a range of role-players to participate in the fight against crime. So, for example, the rapes were taking place in the bushes around Endlovini. She suggested that there should have been more visible policing, and also surveillance cameras to monitor the area, and that the bushes should have been cleared by authorities when it became clear that it was a dangerous area.







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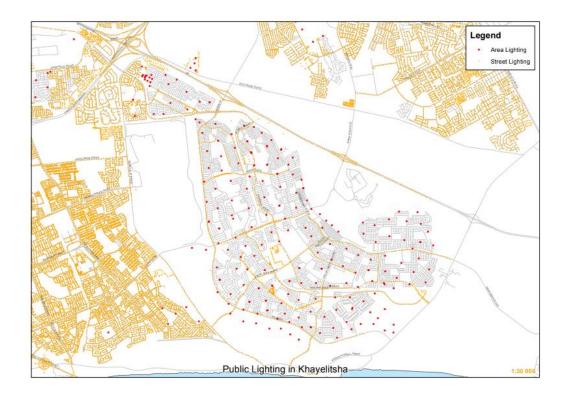


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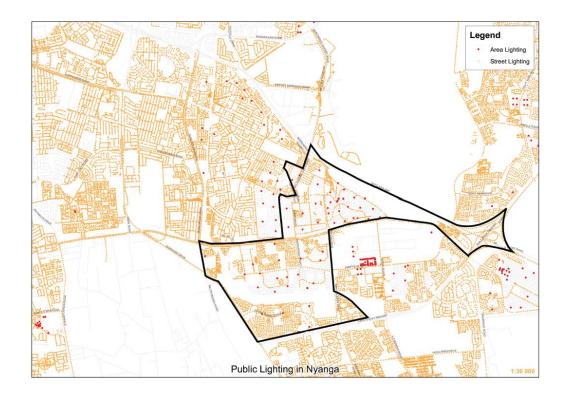
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## Reducing Sexual Violence by Increasing the Supply of Toilets in Khayelitsha, South Africa: A Mathematical Model

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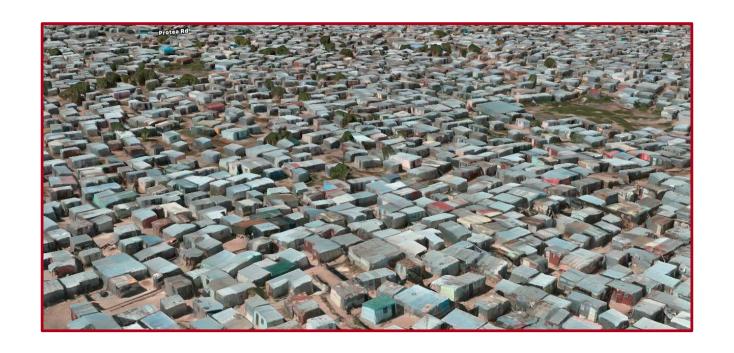
Supporting Information

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Sexual violence is a major public health issue, affecting 35% of women worldwide. Major risk factors for sexual assault include inadequate indoor sanitation and the need to travel to outdoor toilet facilities. We estimated how increasing the number of toilets in an urban township (Khayelitsha, South Africa) might reduce both economic costs and the incidence and social burden of sexual assault.







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The SJC was made aware of the *Civilian Secretariat's Analysis of Resource Allocation in the SAPS* (the Analysis) during a presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Police on 27 February 2018. We approached the Secretariat and the Minister of Police requesting that the Analysis in its entirety be made public.

Although the Analysis focuses on the allocation of human resources and vehicles to police precincts, it also reveals a police service that often is not where it needs to be because it asks the wrong questions and uses the wrong data to inform deployment.



According to the Analysis, the input sheet used to inform the allocation of human resources has a single gang indicator and "falls short of accounting for the frequency of gang violence, the size, the nature of the particular gangs [and] gang activities". This failure to account for the impact, size and nature of gangs means that police aren't where they are needed and this has created the space for the ill-advised and opportunistic call for the deployment of the South African National Defense Force in communities.



#### TABLE 2: CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR MOTIVES MURDER

Murder	Gang-related	Taxi-related	Illicit mining	Farm murders	Police Officials	Mob justice	Political related
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Eastern cape	87	39	0	3	13	72	
Free State	46	1	65	8	8	10	
Gauteng	14	110	23	12	28*	264	
Gauterig		110			20	204	
KwaZulu-Natal	2	36	0	7	19	145	з
Limpopo	0	1	. 0	9	3	95	
Mpumalanga	3	4	6	8	6	83	
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Northern Cape	0	o	О	3	0	o	
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North West	13	1	. 0	9	2	7	
Western Cape	808	45	О	3	6	173	
RSA	973	237	94	62	85	849	з

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 10 officers based at head office

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21% of all murders in the Western Cape Province are attributed to gang violence for the financial year April 2017 to March 2018. This amounted to 808 gang deaths of 3729 for the entire Western Cape Province.

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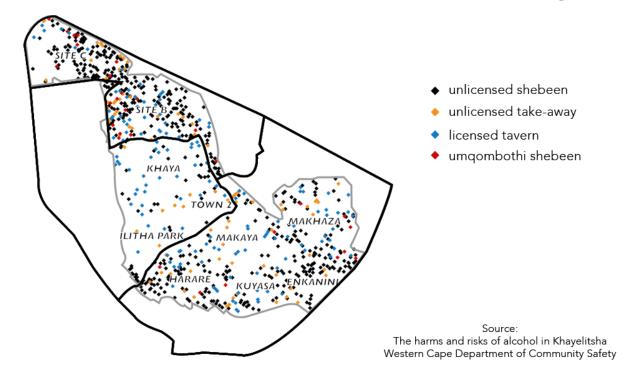
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"The SAPS repeatedly draw links between the levels of alcohol use and abuse and high levels of violence." Despite this, when allocating resources, the SAPS does not take into consideration the number of unlicensed liquor outlets in a given area. In short, the system for allocating resources "does not include reference to one of the major sources of alcohol in some communities which may vastly escalate the levels of violence". The Analysis states that in informal areas that do not meet zoning bylaws, the number of unlicensed outlets can be four times more than licensed outlets.

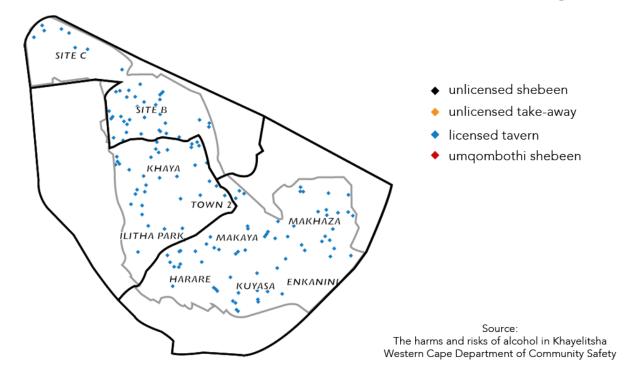


#### Distribution of licensed and unlicensed alcohol outlets in Khayelitsha





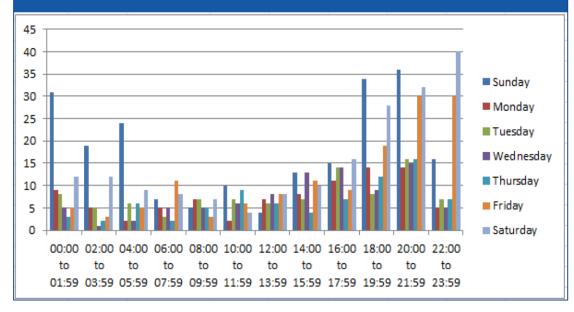
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#### POST KHAYELITSHA RECOMMENDATIONS CRIME PATTERNS



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- 1. Additional eyes on geo-tagged data can significantly bolster the fight against crime.
- 2. Making geo-tagged data public would allow for site-specific interventions to be undertaken by other state organs, levels of government and civil society actors.
- 3. Making geo-tagged data public would allow communities to avoid crime hotspots and to develop their own interventions.
- 4. If SAPS honestly believes environmental design contributes to and hinders their ability to respond to crime, then collecting and making geo-tagged data available would only bolster their pleas for municipal governments to intervene.
- 5. In making the data public SAPS would also be able to more readily draw on, and include other data sets in their efforts to identify root causes, modus operandi, suspects, vulnerable groups, contributing factors, mitigating factors, risks to police officers, flashpoints, new emergent trends, displacement of crime from one area to another etc.







## Does policing prevent crime?

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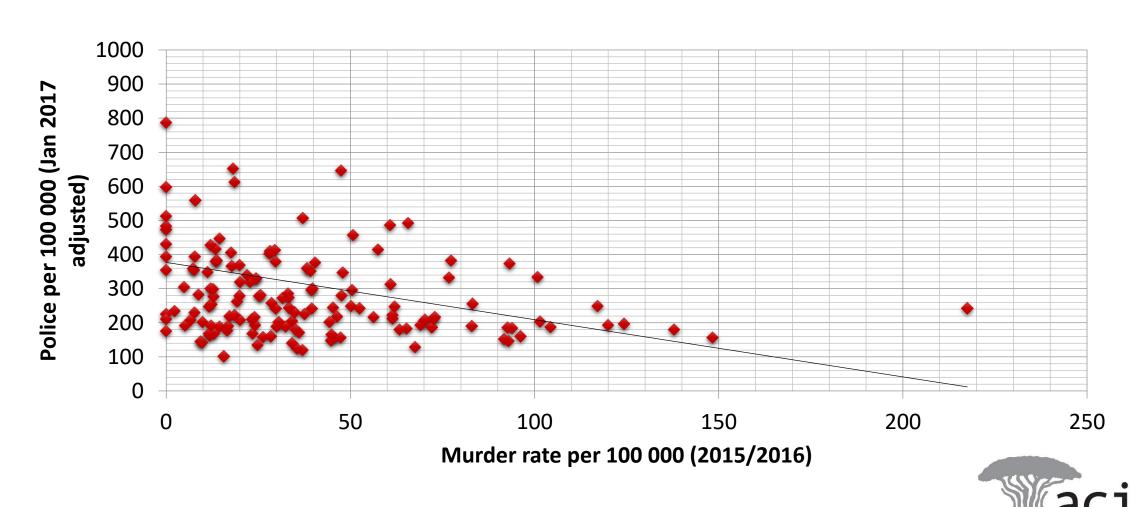


## Inequality of resources

- "Unconscionable" inequalities exposed during Khayelitsha
   Commission
- Partly a result of problems in the formula used by SAPS to allocate human resources, including reliance on reported crime (See Redpath & Nagia-Luddy in Crime Quarterly)
- Three years later no significant adjustments to policing numbers by SAPS



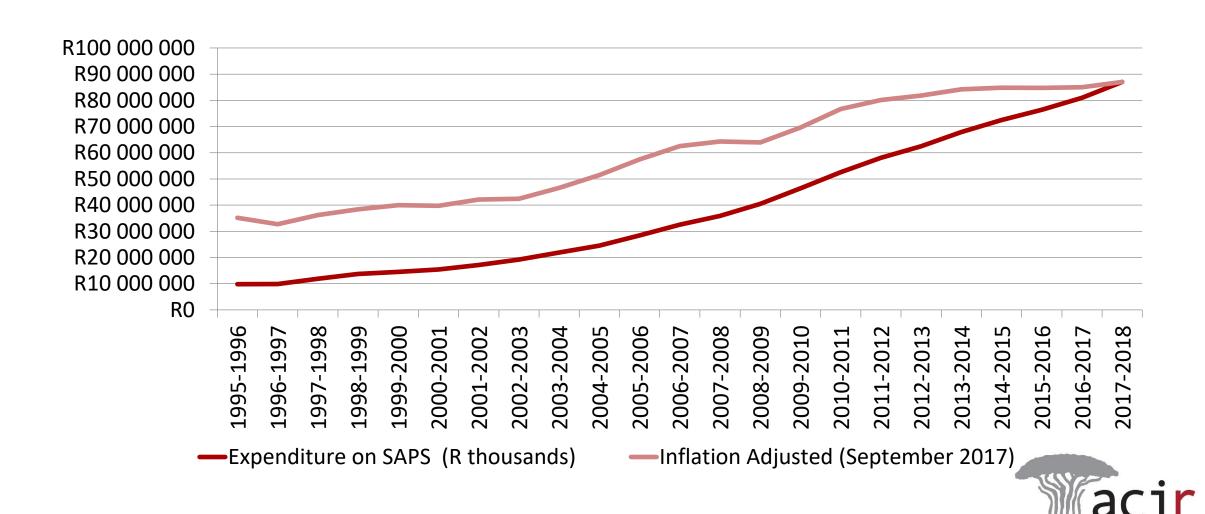
# Relationship between murder rate and police allocations the next year, Western Cape precincts



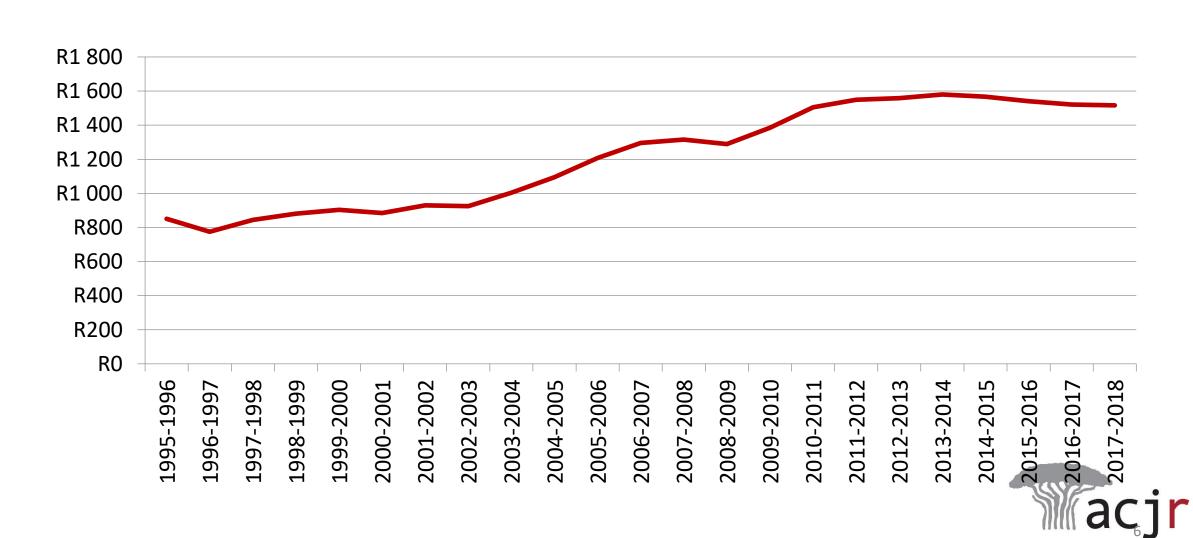
## "Additional police have no impact"

- Litigation by Social Justice Coalition vs SAPS, Minister
  - Additional data made available for whole country
  - SAPS claims "no impact" of additional resources
- In all countries impact of policing difficult to demonstrate quantitatively
  - More policing may result in MORE reported crime
    - US study found that one extra police official associated with 5 additional reported crimes
  - Year-on-year changes are usually in single digits
    - Nyanga with 244 police = 120 per 100 000
      - Would need doubling of resources to reach median value
- Murder rate offers a solution in South African context to measuring impact on violent crime

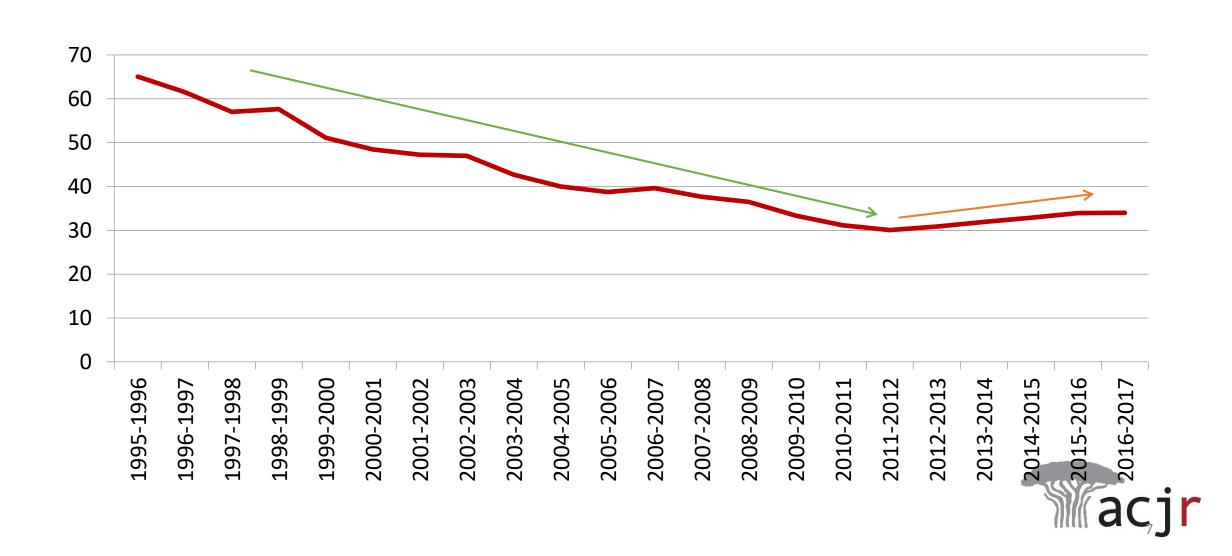
## Expenditure on SAPS since 1995



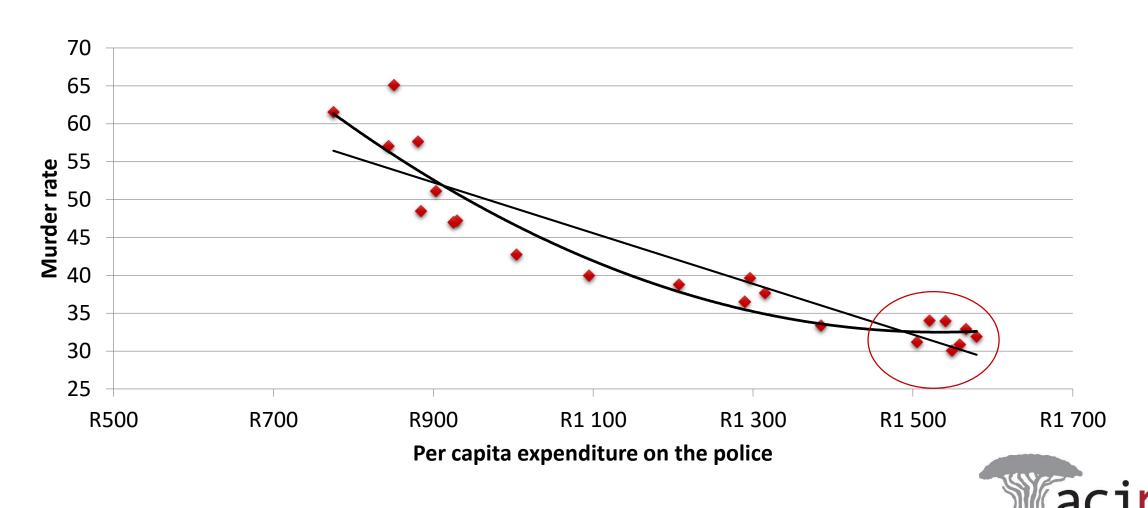
## Real per capita expenditure on SAPS



### Murder rate in South Africa since 1995



# Relationship between per capita expenditure on SAPS and the murder rate in South Africa



### Interpretations

- If the linear trend holds, suggests that bringing South Africa's murder rate closer to 6 per 100 000 would require an additional R44 billion investment p.a. at 2017 prices: SAPS budget of R125 billion.
- Possible the data is better described by a **curve**, which implies initial steep improvements as expenditure increases, followed by diminishing returns at higher levels of expenditure.
- Perhaps the relationship was linear before 2012 i.e. SAPS was able to convert financial resources into results, albeit at high cost – but aspects of SAPS operation or the external environment changed post-2012 which made SAPS ineffective.
- A further interpretation is that the periods of the lowest murder rates (2008-2012) correspond with the beginning of the period of intensification of "state capture" and in particular the much-publicised "capture" of Crime Intelligence associated with lower levels of acquisitive violence?
- A further possibility is that there is no relationship at all between spending on police and the murder rate and that **police spending is simply a reflection of South Africa's GDP**, and the murder rate in turn reflects GDP?

## Testing impact of GDP

- Per capita GDP is significantly associated with changes in the murder rate, with per capita GDP predicting 88% of the variation in the murder rate.
- Multivariate analysis shows that change in spending on police retains an independent impact, in the direction of reducing the murder rate, but in a much less pronounced way
  - Each additional R153 per capita on spending on the police, at the same GDP, is associated with a drop of one murder per 100 000 i.e. each additional murder prevented South Africa-wide, at the same GDP per capita, would cost R15.3 million.
  - Problems with **collinearity** mean such *estimates must be treated with caution*.

## Testing impact of number of police

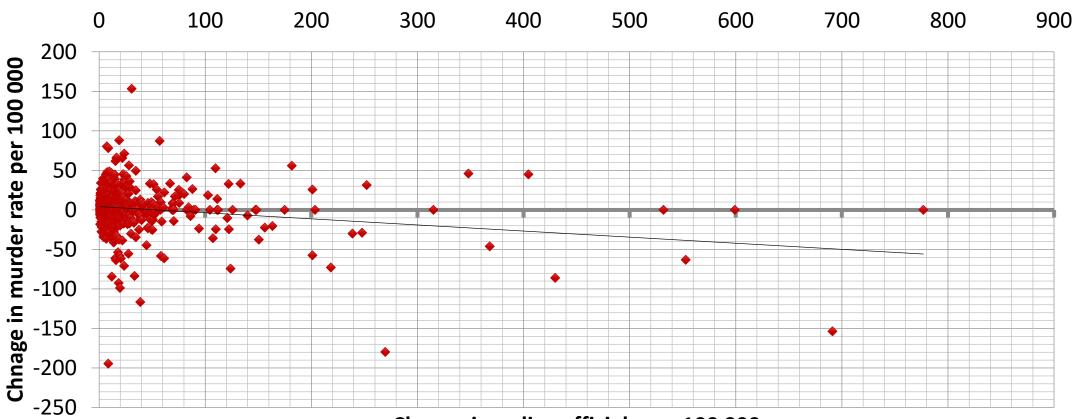
- A multivariate analysis using a model including **GDP per capita**, **police spending per capita**, and **number of SAPS employees per 100 000** tested against the murder rate suggests the following:
  - Holding police spending and number of police per 100 000 constant, an increase in GDP per capita increased the murder rate
  - Holding GDP per capita constant and the number of police per 100 000 constant, police spending is associated with a reduced murder rate.
    - An additional R39 per capita is associated with one fewer murders per 100 000 i.e. each additional murder prevented costs R3.9 million.
  - Holding GDP per capita constant and police spending constant, 13 additional police per 100 000 are associated with one fewer murders per 100 000 people.

# Testing changes to police allocations at police precinct level

- Allocations over the period 2013 to 2016 for the whole of South Africa (1140 police precincts) made available in litigation.
- The overall increase in number of police officials allocated to police stations comparing the years was only 2.4%, with the average increase in police officials being only by 12 per 100 000.
- No significant relationship with murder rate is found unless one excludes those precinct areas with fewer than 1000 residents, resulting in a dataset of 1121 police precincts (2% predictive value).
- Confining the analysis further to only those 646 police precincts which experienced an increase in police resources, raises the predictive value to 4% and with every additional 13 police officials being associated with one fewer murders per 100 000.

#### Change in police officials and change in murder

South Africa, 2013/14 to 2015/16, police precincts >1000 residents receiving an increase in police officials







## Police allocations complications

- Allocation of police human resources sensitive political issue because it is determined at national level.
  - Overall spend on SAPS determined by national Treasury
  - "Fixed establishment" is determined by the National Commissioner, constrained by the funds allocated to SAPS nationally by Treasury.
  - SAPS provincial commissioners (but not MECs) can move people within province but cannot change overall allocation to province.
- Not all functions of the SAPS are carried out at police station level
  - The SAPS Act stipulates that some key functions are "national" and these are carried out by "divisions" of the national SAPS, which employ some 40% of all SAPS members,.
- Extent to which policing is prioritised financially in any province compared to other priorities concerned is thus determined nationally.

#### Conclusion

- Analysing murder rates and police spend data over time suggests that policing may prevent violent crime.
- Analysing increases in allocations and change in murder rates suggests upward adjustment of allocations may also prevent violent crime.
- National government holds the responsibility to ensure that such allocations are made rationally.



# The potential of spatially-based crime research in South Africa

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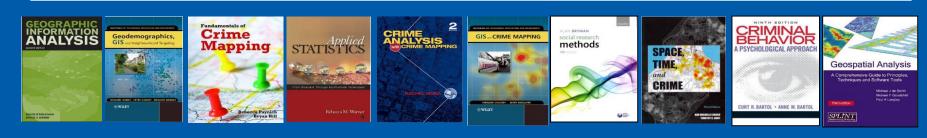


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Make today matter

#### GIS and crime



- Crime Mapping
   Rates and statistics
- Spatial Analysis
   Hot spot analysis, journey-to-crime modelling, geographic profiling, repeat victimization
- 3. Ecological Analysis

  The relationship between crime and variables



#### Research interests

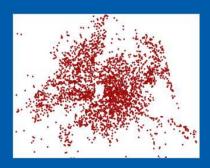
- Crime in gated communities (SA)
- Seasonality of crime (SA and US)
- Spatio-temporal association between crime and sporting events (SA)
- Crime and alcohol availability (SA, NZ, US)
- Topography of crime (SA)
- The relationship between crime, the fear of crime and health (NZ)
- Impact of a changing climate on spatial crime patterns (SA)
- Crime resilient communities (SA and NZ)
- Recidivism (NZ)
- Racial divisions in crime (SA)
- Gang crime (NZ)
- Crime generators/attractors (SA and US)



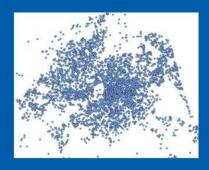
# Importance of data



Burglary Theft 12am - 7am



Burglary Theft 7am - 12pm



Burglary Theft 12pm - 18pm



Burglary Theft 18pm - 12am

- Data for whom....?
- Limitations

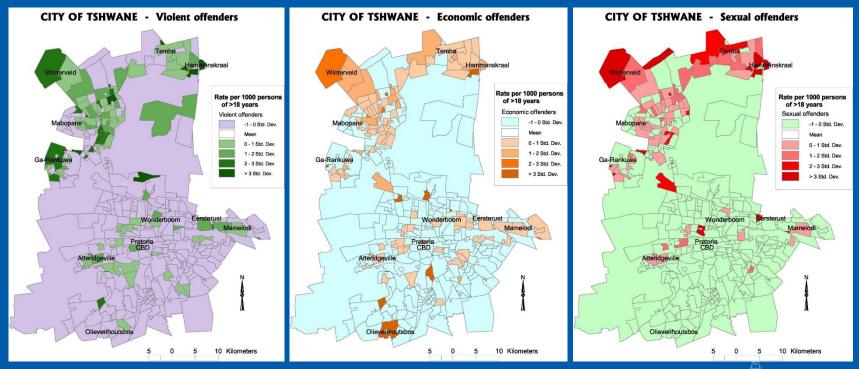


## **Examples**

- 1. A socio-geographic profile of offenders in the city of Tshwane
- 2. The spatial concentration and stability of crime in Khayelitsha
- 3. Crime generators in South Africa: Evidence from Khayelitsha

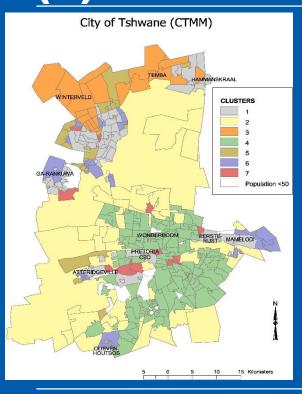


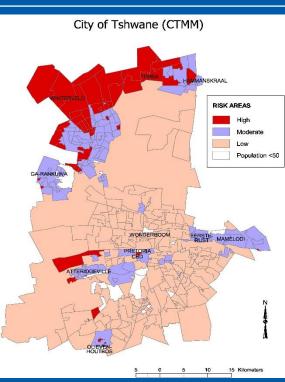
### (1) Offenders in Tshwane





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- The location of offenders was found to be associated with the spatial incidence of four broad factors:
  - l. low social status and income,
  - 2. a large and young family,
  - 3. unskilled earners, and
  - 4. high residential mobility



## Two other examples



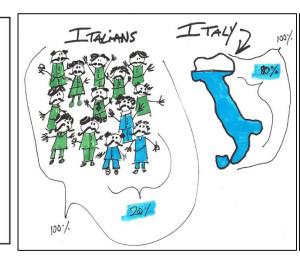


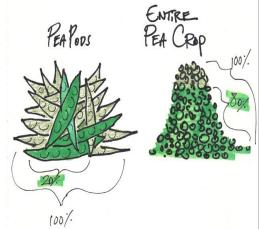


# Pareto principle

(a.k.a. the 80-20 rule)

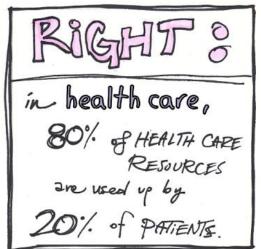
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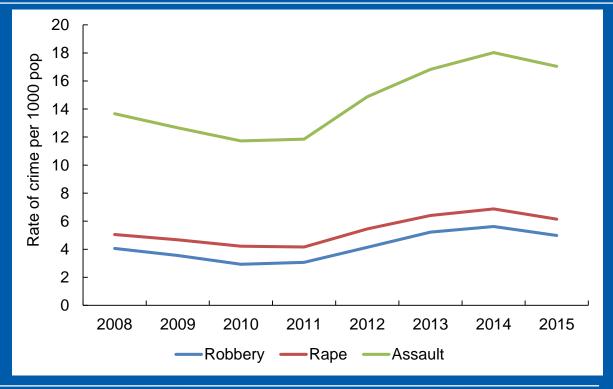








## 2) Spatial concentration of crime



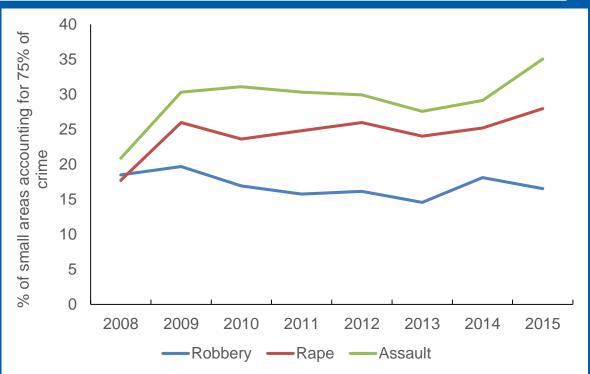


## 2) Spatial concentration of crime

 Between 5-15% of small areas contained 50% of all crime incidents year-on-year.

#### In Tshwane

- Top 5 neighbourhoods
  - Violent: 20%
  - Property: 22%
  - Sexual: 17%





## 2) Spatial concentration of crime

Percentage of the same small areas in the upper quartile of crime for Khayelitsha from 2008 onwards

	Rape	Robbery	Assault		
Base year: 2008	25 (n = 63)	25 (n = 63)	25 (n = 63)		
2008-2009	11.42 (n = 29)	13 (n = 33)	11.81 (n = 30)		
2008-2010	6.30 (n = 16)	8.66 (n = 22)	7.48 (n = 19)		
2008-2011	5.12 (n = 13)	6.30 (n = 16)	6.69 (n = 17)		
2008-2012	3.54 (n = 9)	5.51 (n = 14)	4.33 (n = 11)		
2008-2013	2.36 (n = 6)	5.12 (n = 13)	3.54 (n = 9)		
2008-2014	1.97 (n = 5)	4.72 (n = 12)	3.15 (n = 8)		
2008-2015	1.97 (n = 5)	4.33 (n = 11)	3.15 (n = 8)		



# 3) Crime generators and attractors





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Facilities	No. of facilities	Mean IVA of robberies	Range (min, max)	% of facilities with 50 or more robberies	Mean IVA of robberies	Range (min, max)	% of facilities with 50 or more robberies		
		within 100m		within 100m	within 200m		within 200m		
Schools	20	10.36	(0.26, 25.75)	30	53.26*	(9.06, 96.51)	85		
Recreational hub	8	14.1	(1.62, 32.04)	37.5	66.24*	(12, 150.32)	100		
Transport interchange	14	17.14**	(0, 57.36)	42.9	55.58 <sup>3</sup> 30.33	(1.14, 115.04)	64.3		
Random points	100	7.57ª	(0, 33.69)	12	30.33	(0, 136.86)	55		

p<0.05, \*\*p<0.005, \*\*\*p<0.001

#### Assault:

- 100m (-)
- 200m (School, Transport Interchange)

#### Rape:

- 100m (-)
- 200m (Schools)



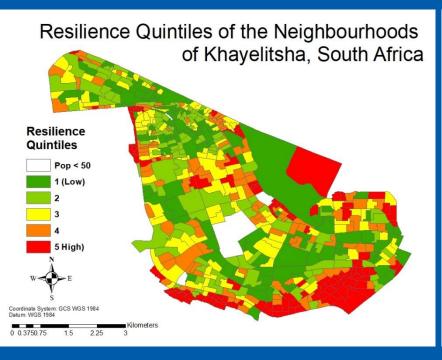
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Facility type: Random points vs. the other facilities

# Current and ongoing research

- Project 1:
- The impact of the built environment on resilience to crime in Khayelitsha, South Africa (Lauren Pijper, UP)
- Project 2:
- A street segment analysis of crime in Khayelitsha (Kathleen Godfrey, UP)
- Project 3:
- The seasonality of crime: A comparison across two townships in the Western Cape province of South Africa (Francois Schutte, UP)
- Students being supervised by Prof Gregory Breetzke and Dr Ian Edelstein



# Current and ongoing research



Neighbourhood Factors - Built Environment		Low	•			High			•
		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R5:R1	RHO	p-value
Healthcare	Clinics (distance)	0.65	0.72	0.73	0.77	0.84	1.29	0.18*	0.00
	Fire stations (distance)		1.42	1.48	1.60	1.85	1.34	0.25*	0.00
	Police stations (distance)		1.48	1.55	1.65	2.17	1.34	0.22*	0.00
	Hospitals (distance)		2.66	2.56	2.43	2.42	0.87	-0.16*	0.00
Living infrastructure	Community centres (distance)	0.59	0.58	0.59	0.69	0.82	1.38	0.25*	0.00
	Community parks (distance)	0.46	0.41	0.37	0.39	0.46	1.02	0.01	0.87
	District parks (distance)		3.06	2.87	2.64	2.55	0.86	-0.13*	0.00
	Greenbelts (distance)		0.94	0.97	0.87	1.00	0.86	-0.08	0.06
	Libraries (distance)		0.82	0.81	0.96	1.17	1.55	0.31*	0.00
	Places of worship (distance)		0.57	0.57	0.57	0.81	1.36	0.15*	0.00
	Sportsgrounds (distance)	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.05	1.29	1.28	0.18*	0.00
	Cemteries (distance)		2.79	2.84	2.93	3.11	1.05	0.14*	0.00
	IRT bus stops (distance)		0.79	0.80	0.79	0.75	1.04	0.01	0.87
	IRT bus routes (distance)	0.50	0.50	0.54	0.50	0.58	1.17	0.05	0.22
	Pools (distance)	2.72	2.60	2.50	2.34	2.43	0.89	-0.14*	0.00
	Cape Cares facilities (distance)	0.94	1.00	0.99	1.02	1.02	1.09	0.05	0.19
	Landfills (distance)		3.22	3.03	3.05	3.43	1.02	-0.03	0.50
	Municipal courts (distance)		2.80	2.64	2.48	2.50	0.87	-0.14*	0.00
	Recreational hubs (distance)		1.30	1.30	1.44	1.99	1.45	0.27*	0.00
	Public open spaces (distance)		0.47	0.41	0.39	0.47	1.15	0.03	0.48
	Waterbodies (distance)		0.29	0.27	0.30	0.41	1.68	0.19*	0.00
Education	Primary schools (distance)	0.37	0.36	0.39	0.40	0.56	1.53	0.25*	0.00
	Secondary schools (distance)	0.56	0.50	0.52	0.52	0.74	1.33	0.21*	0.00
Vices	Valid license liquor outlets (distance)	0.42	0.35	0.35	0.39	0.44	1.04	0.04	0.37
(distance) = Distance in kilometres from centroid *Correlation is significant at 0.01 level								•	



## So what! Practice and policy

#### Tactical

 Guide operational units to specific locations and individuals linked to criminal activities, potentially leading to the arrest of wanted suspects and suspicious persons

#### Operational

• Inform a number of operational actions. For example, the routes for vehicle and foot patrols; the locations of road-blocks; the locations of cordon-and-search and stop-and-search operations.

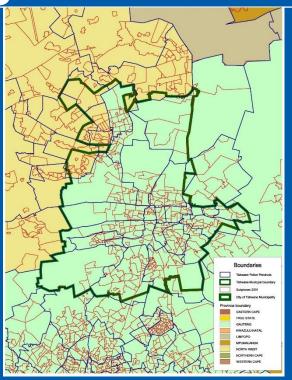
#### Strategic

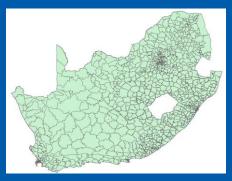
 Addressing the long-term solutions to crime and highlight the root causes of crime and measure ways to address them.



## Spatial challenges

- Spatial data issues
  - Misalignment
  - Geocoding
- A national spatial information system
  - CAS
- Crime statistics
  - Online, accessible
  - Publicly available
  - Timely
- Skills, competencies
- Support







#### A call

- Idea: Cross-institutional GeoCrime Laboratory undertakes applied research in the areas of the geography of crime and Geographical Information Systems
- Aim: To build a strategic partnership between key role-players that deal with law enforcement in South Africa
- Stumbling block

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#### Current situation

#### **New Zealand Police Research Agreement**

THIS AGREEMENT is made on 12 September 2018

Her Maiesty the Queen in Right of Her Government in New Zealand BETWEEN acting by and through the Commissioner of Police ("Police")

the Principal Researcher: Gregory Breetzke

AND/OR Principal Researcher's Organisation Please note: If the principal researcher is employed by or affiliated to a NZ University the University will be the party to this agreement. This agreement should be entered into through the University's Research Office.

#### BACKGROUND

The NZ Police (hereinafter Police) want to make high-quality data available for research:

- 1. in as much detail as is necessary and possible
- 2. as widely as practicable
- 3. as soon as possible
- 4. as conveniently as is reasonable having regard to the impact on the activities of Police

while ensuring all legislative and ethical obligations governing access to, and safekeeping of, individualised and personal information are followed.

- a. The Principal Researcher has submitted to Police an application to undertake research, including a Research Proposal as set out as Schedule One ("The
- The Researcher has submitted The Application after having read and understood the Police Policy for External Researchers Access to Resources, Data or Privileged
- Police has accepted and approved The Application.
- d. This Agreement documents the terms and conditions upon which Police allows the Researcher to conduct research accessing the resources of Police. The scope of the research is detailed in the approved Research Proposal appended as Schedule One.
- e. If the Researcher wishes, at any stage, for additional individuals to undertake research (or to substitute individuals) they must first obtain Police consent in writing and understand that those additional individuals may first need to clear appropriate and reasonable security and additional checks before undertaking research.
- f. The Researcher agrees to conduct research in accordance with The Application.

SIGNED by



(name in block letters

on behalf of THE COMMISSIONER OF NEW ZEALAND POLICE

Police National Headquarters 180 Molesworth Street Wellington 6140

Director, Research and Evaluation Police

SIGNED by the

Researcher

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ASSOCIATE PROPESSOR

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Principal

(signature)

(name in block letters)

(address)

(Position)

SIGNED by a representative of the Principa! Researcher's Organisation. [where necessary]

This may be a Manager or CE and depends on the policy of the organisation that allows the principal to enter into this agreement.

(address)

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(Position in Organisation)

#### Title:

A spatial and temporal analysis of gangs and gang violence in New Zealand



#### **Thank You**

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