

# Foul play probe after cop lift crash

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Eastern Cape police are investigating a case of attempted murder after a lift at the Mount Road police station in Port Elizabeth was allegedly tampered with, it emerged yesterday.

Last month, a lift in the main building of the police station plunged from the fourth floor, injuring seven people, three of whom are still in hospital.

Officials from the local crimi-

nal record centre and the crime intelligence unit were stuck in the lift after its drop from the fourth floor.

Their injuries included fractured legs and a head wound, while others received treatment for shock and whiplash.

Provincial police spokesperson Brigadier Marinda Mills confirmed that a case of attempted murder was opened by the de-

partment of public works following an inspection of the damaged lift by a private company.

Mills said it was found during the investigation that 14 counter-weights, which weigh over 70kg each, were missing.

Another lift, in the nearby police barracks, was also malfunctioning recently, preventing police officers from accessing their living quarters. -ANA