

Police station up for auction

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The building housing the Goodwood police

station for the past 60 years is up for auction, but the police union is not aware of it.

According to Rawson Auctions, the property in Wiener street, Vasco Estate, has been rented by the Goodwood police since 1956. The auctioneers said the property could be renovated into flats, with its monthly rental income of about R60 000.

Community Safety MEC Albert Fritz said he would be writing to the office of the acting provincial commissioner, Lieutenant General Sindile Mfazi, as a matter of urgency to enquire about the auctioning of the police-station building.

Provincial police spokesperson Brigadier Novela Potelwa said all they knew was that the lease had expired in December. Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille's spokesperson, Leigh-Anne Jansen, said the police were looking for a bigger space.

"The agreement is as per the terms of the existing lease agreement which expires on December 31."

However, Ms Jansen

said the lease had been extended for a further year, with effect from January 1 to December 31 next year, and the police would remain in the building until an alternative accommodation was found.

According to the advert by Rawson Auctions, the auction will take place on Wednesday at noon. The SA Police Union, Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union were not aware of the actioning of the building. The building has a reserve price of R5.8 million, and all offers would be reviewed.