

# Corpcapital authorised probing into Frangos

**MZWANDILE JACKS**

Johannesburg – Warren Goldblatt, the specialist private investigator, has admitted to receiving instructions from Corpcapital to conduct an investigation into Nic Frangos's private affairs.

This revelation was made in an amended plea by Goldblatt that is before the Pretoria high court and came after repeated denials by Corpcapital and Goldblatt that his sleuth agency, Associated Intelligence Network (AIN), had investigated Frangos's private matters.

Frangos is a former non-executive director of Corpcapital, the niche financial services group. He resigned from Corpcapital in 2002 after he became unhappy with the alleged misconduct by the group's executive directors regarding valuations of Cytech, Corpcapital's online gambling subsidiary.

Paragraph seven of Goldblatt's amended plea, a copy of which is in the possession of Business



**NO PRIVACY**  
Warren Goldblatt has admitted he investigated Nic Frangos (left) under Corpcapital's instruction

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Report, states that "on Sunday, January 19 2003 and at the offices of Corpcapital ... [I] received an instruction from [former Corpcapital chief executive] Jeffrey Liebesman to conduct an investigation into [Frangos's] affairs".

In the latest salvo in the battle between former colleagues, Frangos has now initiated a privacy ac-

tion against Corpcapital and AIN, accusing these entities of performing acts of intrusion into his privacy. Frangos claims that the investigation took place at a time when Goldblatt was the managing director of AIN.

Frangos claims that Corpcapital and AIN had accessed confidential information relating to his

taxes and cellphone calls and that Goldblatt had orchestrated the invasion by various AIN minions.

Frangos's legal counsel could not complete its opening address and Judge Ben du Plessis had adjourned the court until Thursday morning, Frangos's spokesperson, Brian Gibson, said.

Goldblatt's name has been mentioned in many high-profile cases in South Africa. One is the Leigh Matthews case, which involved the kidnap and subsequent murder of a Bond University student. Goldblatt's role in the case was to hire a forensic psychologist to draw up profiles of people close to Matthews.

The late Brett Keble once accused Goldblatt of illegal acts of bribery and corruption after Bulelani Ngcuka, the former director of the National Prosecuting Authority, had allegedly made "slanderous" claims against the slain mining magnate in a meeting with newspaper editors.

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