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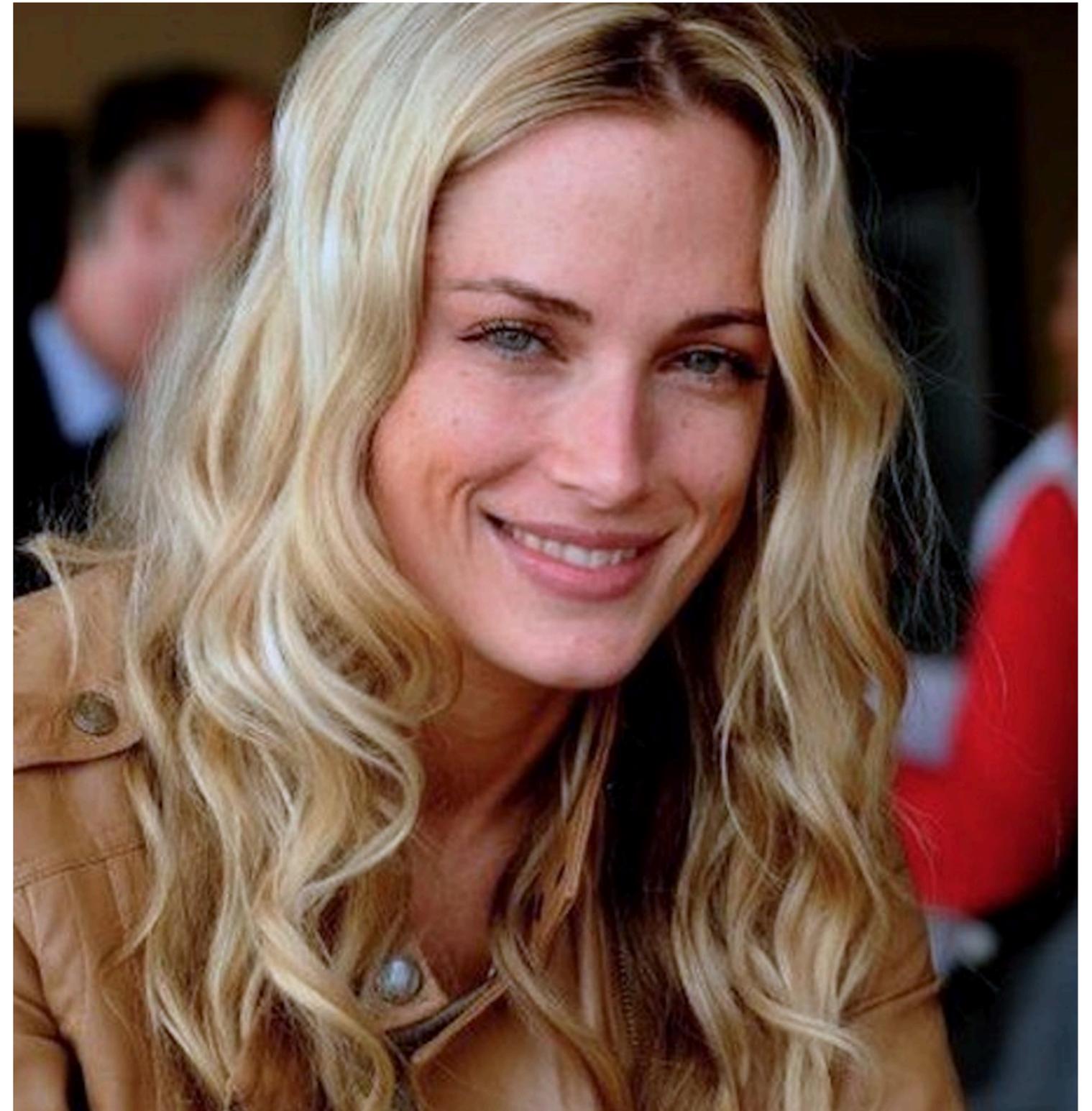


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Reeva Steenkamp

In February 2013, 29-year-old law graduate and model Reeva Steenkamp was at the home of her famous athlete boyfriend in Pretoria when she was fatally shot multiple times through a locked bathroom door. Her tragic death became one of the most publicised court cases in South African history, revealing the darker reality beneath the surface of glamour and fame.

Reeva is remembered by her parents and friends as a beautiful, ambitious, and caring woman who was driven to help others. Her mother, June, described her as a "shining star" and a meticulous planner who was full of life and promise. Her legacy continues to be upheld by her family, who actively speak out against gender-based violence.



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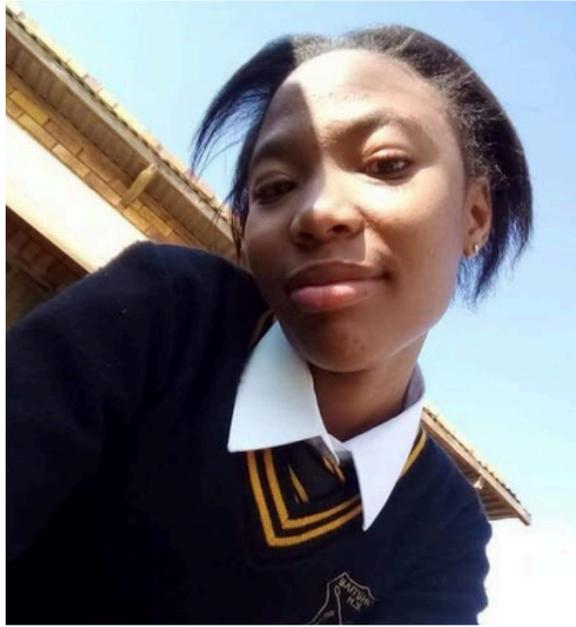
Tshegofatso Pule

In June 2020, 28-year-old Tshegofatso Pule was eight months pregnant when she left her home in Soweto to meet her boyfriend, but she never returned. Instead, her body was discovered days later in Roodepoort; she had been shot in the chest and left hanging from a tree. An investigation later revealed that her boyfriend had hired a hitman to carry out the murder. Tshegofatso is remembered by her family and friends as a "futuristic fashionista" and a vibrant young woman who was eagerly preparing for the birth of her child. Her uncle described the family's pursuit of justice as a "difficult journey," while her legacy lives on through a foundation established in her name to help break the chain of violence.

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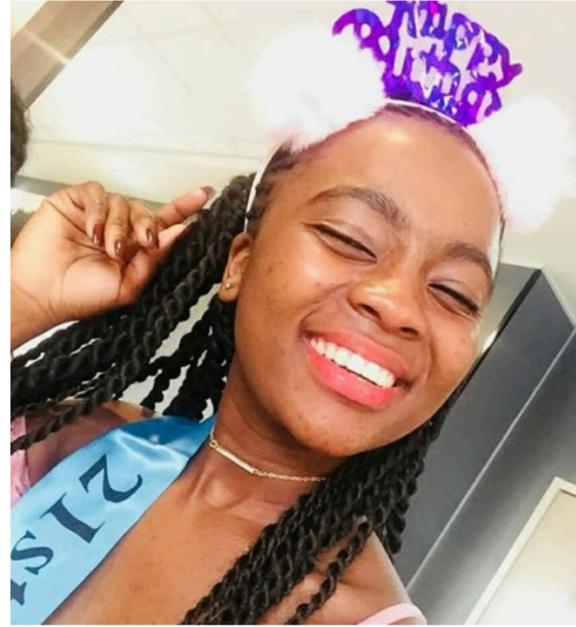
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Nthabiseng Rampai



Catherine Irving



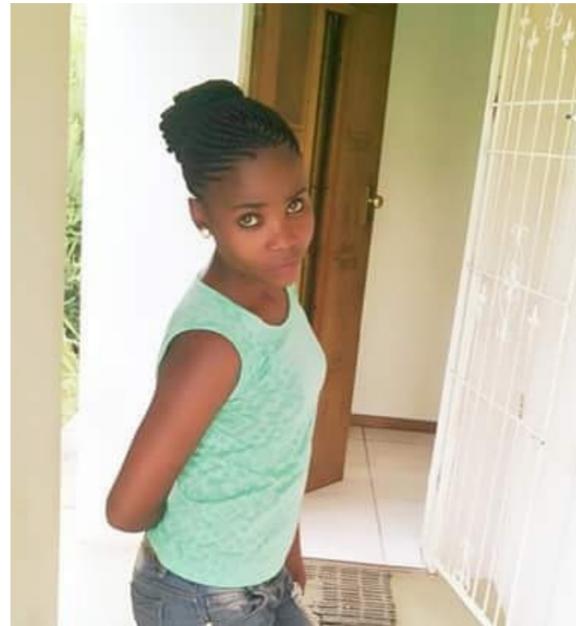
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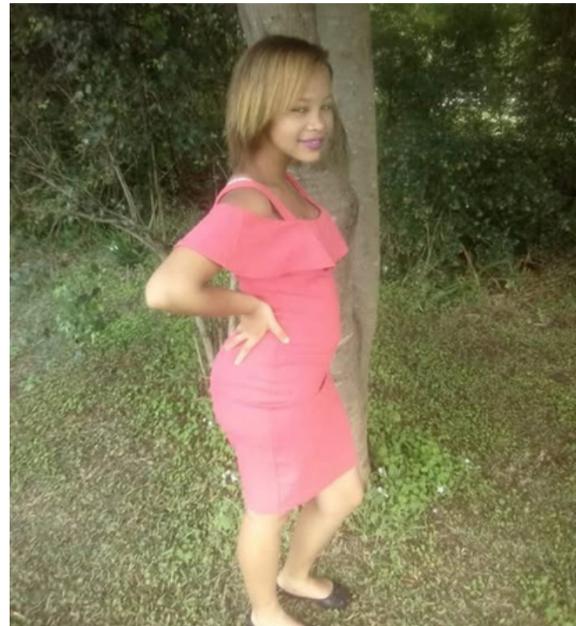
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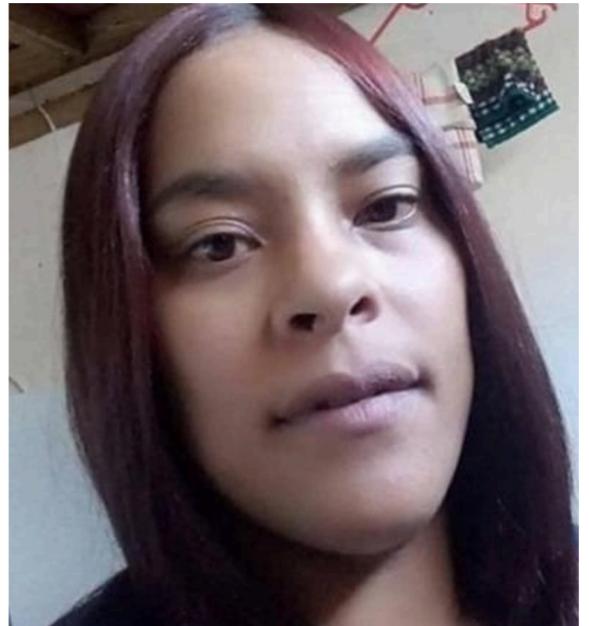
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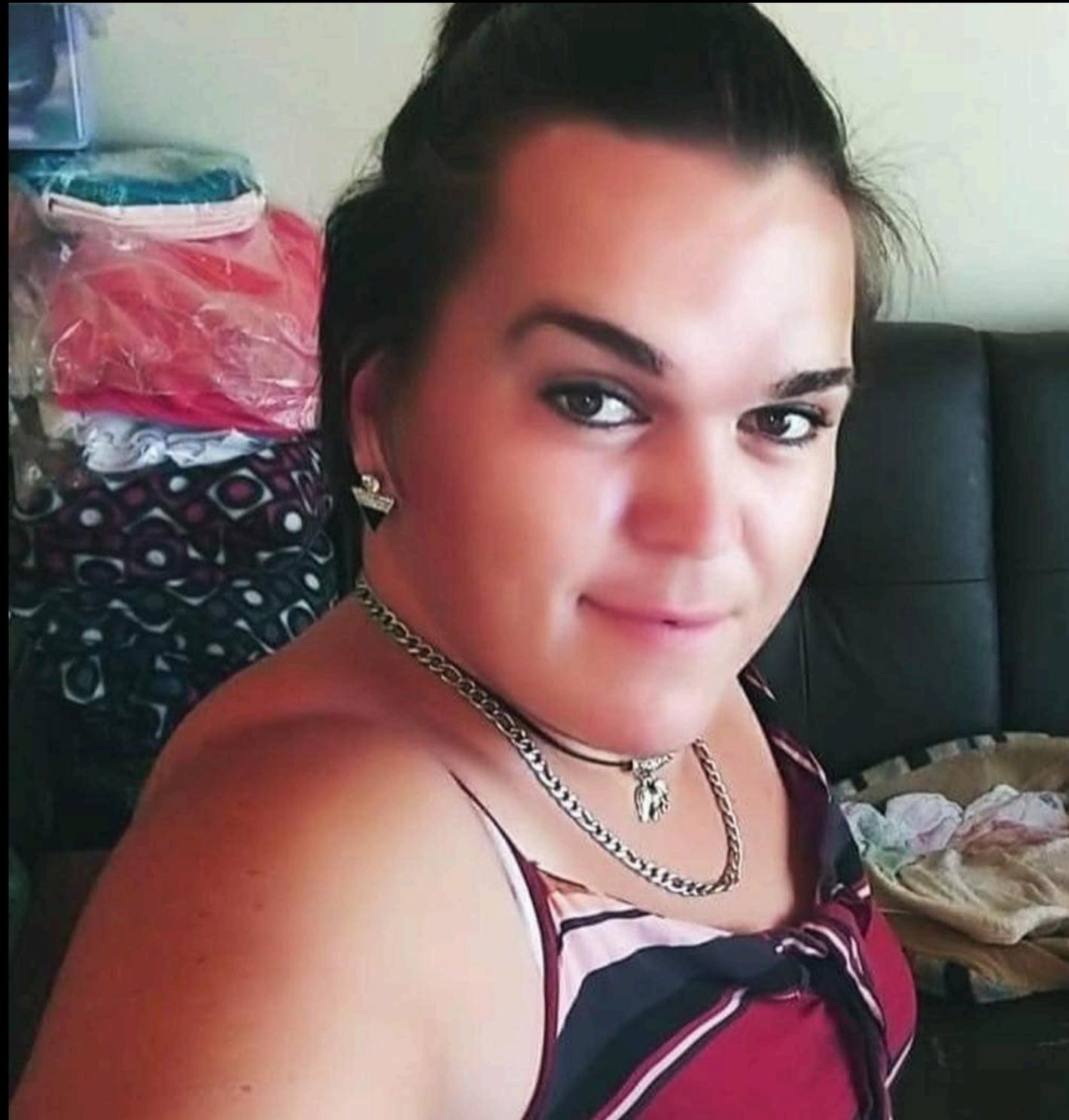
Ann Hodson-Gabriels

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Soneé Witbooi

In December 2022, 28-year-old Soneé Witbooi was celebrating with her sister at their family home in Loerie Park, George, when an argument broke out with her husband. Though the police and security were called to remove him from the premises, he returned in the early hours of the following morning. Having illegally entered the house armed with a panga, he brutally attacked Soneé after she told him their relationship was over. She was declared dead at the scene from horrific injuries to her head and face.

Soneé is remembered by her family as a woman who was "loved by everyone" and a devoted daughter who lived with her mother. Her sister, who was also injured while trying to protect her, described the devastating moment of the attack as a betrayal of a home that should have been a sanctuary.



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Rene Roman

In March 2017, 13-year-old Rene Roman left her home in Lavender Hill, Cape Town, to buy a packet of chips at a nearby shop, but she never returned. After a desperate 11-day search by her family and hundreds of volunteers, her body was discovered hidden under a carpet in the shed of a neighbor's house, just a few doors away from her own. She had been raped and murdered by a man the family had known and trusted.

Rene is remembered by her community as a quiet and helpful student at Levana Primary School. Her memory has been honored through the construction of a school library in her name, providing a safe and peaceful sanctuary for her peers. Her mother, Chrisselda, described the hollow silence left behind, remembering Rene as her "little helper" who always stayed close to home.

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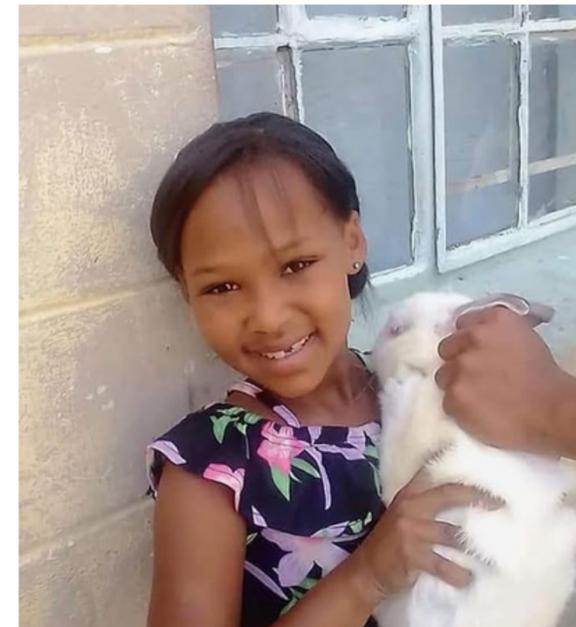
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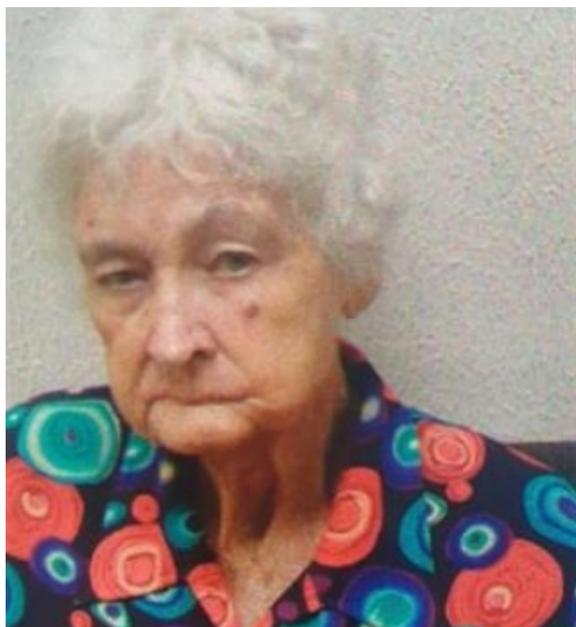
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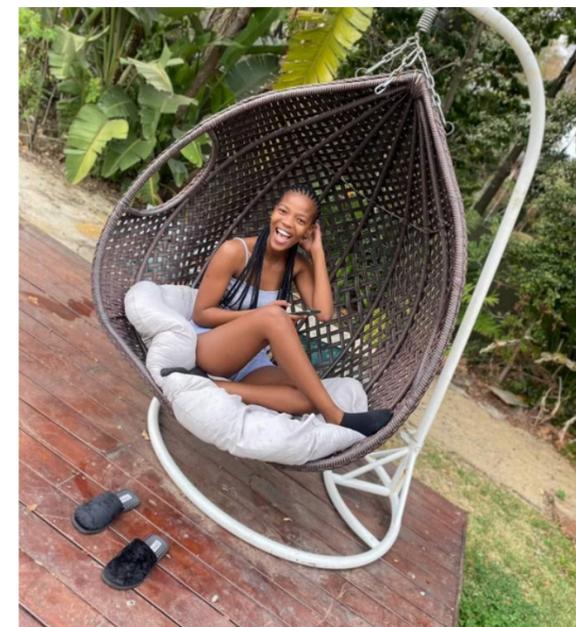
Petula Williams



Jocelyn Claasen



Glenda Ndlanzi



Mbali Hlongwane

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Junior Netsai Shonhai

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In July 2024, 25-year-old Junior Netsai Shonhai, a Zimbabwean national living in Johannesburg, went missing, leaving her family and friends in a desperate search for answers. Tragically, her body was later discovered dumped in City Deep. The search ended in heartbreak when her 32-year-old ex-boyfriend confessed to the brutal crime and handed himself over to the police.

Junior is remembered by those who knew her as a vibrant young woman who had moved to South Africa in search of a better life. Her family, devastated by the betrayal of someone she once trusted, described her as a light in their lives whose "dreams were cut short" by a senseless act of possession and violence.





Nicole Pienaar

In January 2017, 28-year-old Nicole Pienaar left her home in Paarl to visit a friend, but she never returned. After several days of agonizing uncertainty for her family, her body was found buried in a shallow grave in the backyard of her boyfriend's home in Huguenot. She had been brutally murdered and hidden by the person she had once shared a life with. Nicole is remembered by her loved ones as a kind-hearted woman and a mother who lived for her young children. Her family described the "indescribable emptiness" left in her absence, mourning a vibrant life that was stolen far too soon



Naledi Phangindawo

The Mossel Bay community protested outside the Magistrate's court, demanding [#JusticeForNaledi](#). Naledi, a mother of 3, had fled Cape Town due to a history of domestic abuse and obtained a protection order against her ex-partner. In 2020, at a cultural function, 25 year old Naledi was attacked by her perpetrator with an axe and a knife. This outrageous murder sparked a national outcry. Naledi Phangindawo is remembered by friends and family as a kind, outspoken, and resilient person dedicated to her children.

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Emihle Emza Manzima



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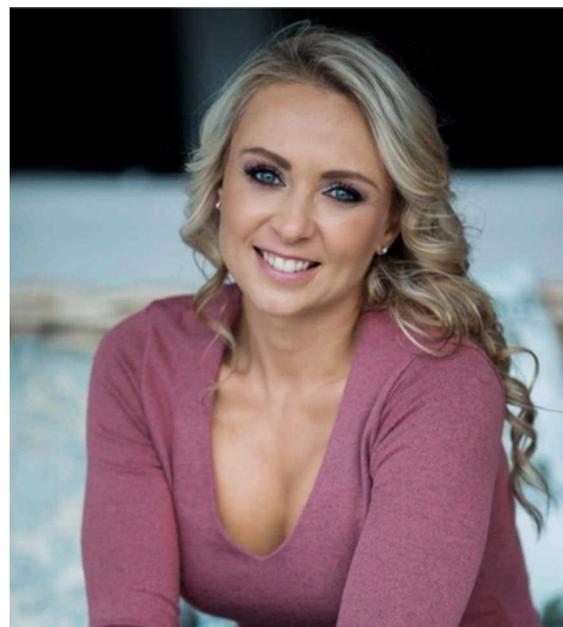
Shongile Pretty Nkwashu



Kavitha Nerputh



Lorna Shivambu



Vicki Terblanche



Cynthia Williams

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Uyinene Mrwetyana

In August 2019, 19-year-old UCT student Uyinene Mrwetyana went to the Clareinch Post Office to collect a parcel, but never made it back to her residence. Instead, she was brutally attacked, sexually assaulted, and murdered by a post office employee inside the facility, a place she had believed to be safe.

Her story sparked the #AmINext movement, mobilising thousands of citizens to march to Parliament and shut down city centers to demand immediate government action against the scourge of gender-based violence.

Known affectionately as "Nene," she was remembered by her family and friends as "outspoken" and a "fighter"—a vibrant young leader whose voice continues to echo through the foundation established in her name.

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Anene Booysen

In February 2013, 17-year-old Anene Booysen attended a local pub in Bredasdorp, but she never made it home. Instead, she was found by a security guard at a nearby construction site, having been gang-raped and disembowelled. Despite her horrific injuries, Anene survived long enough to be taken to the hospital, where she managed to identify one of her attackers before passing away later that day.



Anene is remembered by her foster mother and the Bredasdorp community as a girl who had high hopes for her future despite a difficult upbringing. She was described as a "gentle soul" who loved to dance and laugh. Her bravery in her final hours—speaking out to ensure justice—has made her an enduring symbol of resistance against the silence that often surrounds such crimes.



Kutlwano Masilo



Roxanne Thanthoni



Mercia Kleinbooi



Carly Isaacs



Zaskia Davids



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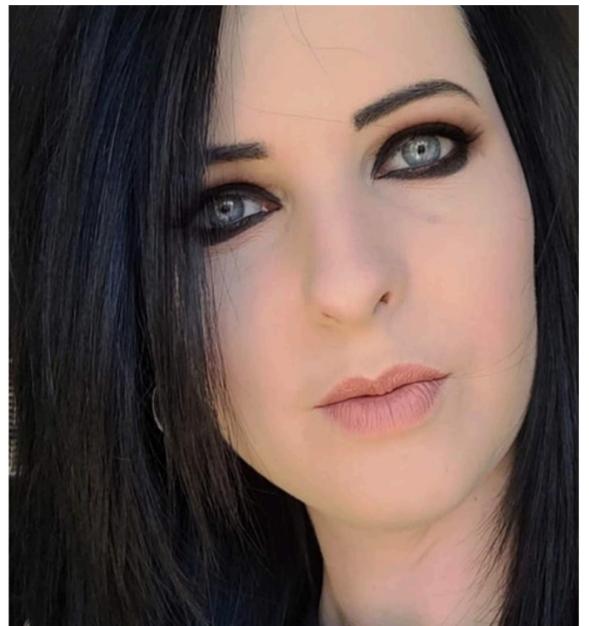
Tiyiselani Nokuthula Rikhotso



Alexia Nyamadzawo



Gwen Mziba



Angelique Fourie

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Lekita Moore

In September 2016, 18 year old Lekita was on her way home from a karaoke event, and never made it. Instead her body was found the next morning in an open field. She had been stabbed 98 times, sexually assaulted and her body and face mutilated.

A tragic incident for the community of Valhalla Park, and the rest of the country. Lekita's story moved her community to demand action against gender-based violence, with residents holding protests and advocating for justice during the trial of her killer.

Lekita's father described her as the person who "kept us all together, she kept us strong".

We will honour her story. We rise .



Leighandre Jegels

Leighandre's star was on the rise. A South African boxing champion and a well-loved teacher, Baby Lee was making waves.

In August 2019, Leighandre was shot and killed by her estranged ex-boyfriend, who was a member of the South African Police Service's Tactical Response Team. She had taken the necessary steps after he had threatened to kill her, obtaining a protection order, and seeking assistance from the state. Sadly, this failed to save her, as her killer gunned her down on her way to gym. The country mourned.

To her family, we say, we **#RememberHER**



Kwasa Tsoze

Asithandile or Kwasa. as she was more affectionately known, was only 19 when her life was stolen from her. In 2020, her ex-boyfriend refused to accept that she no longer wished to be with him. He stalked her, hounded her - and then stabbed her to death in front of her family and friends. He was sentenced to 20 years in jail.

Kwasa, a WITS student, wished to be a doctor. Her family says "She was the happiest person in the world"



Karabo Mokoena

In 2017, Karabo's murder sparked a national outrage and became a symbol of the widespread issue of femicide and gender-based violence (GBV) in South Africa. She was found in a shallow grave, stabbed multiple times and her body doused in acid. Karabo was 22 years old. A year later, her ex-boyfriend was convicted of the crime and sentenced to 32 years in prison. Karabo's life was cut short in a senseless killing. She will NOT be forgotten.

"We remember. We heal. We rise."

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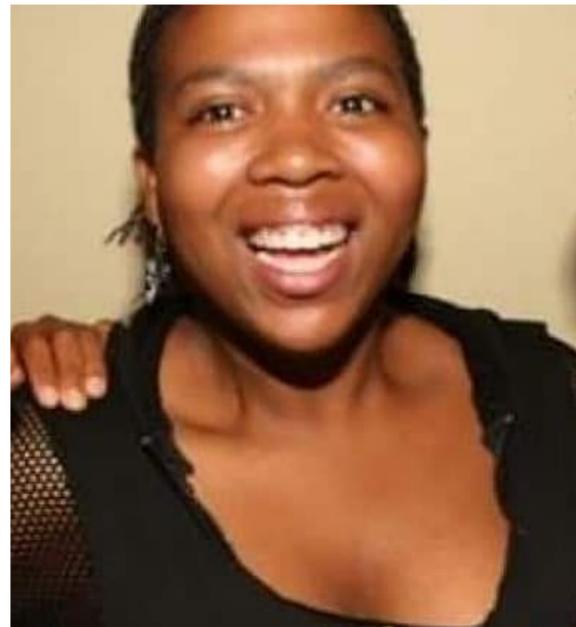
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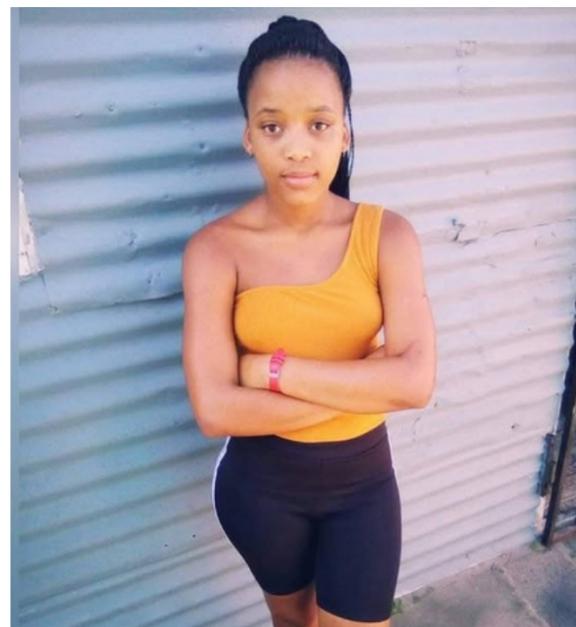
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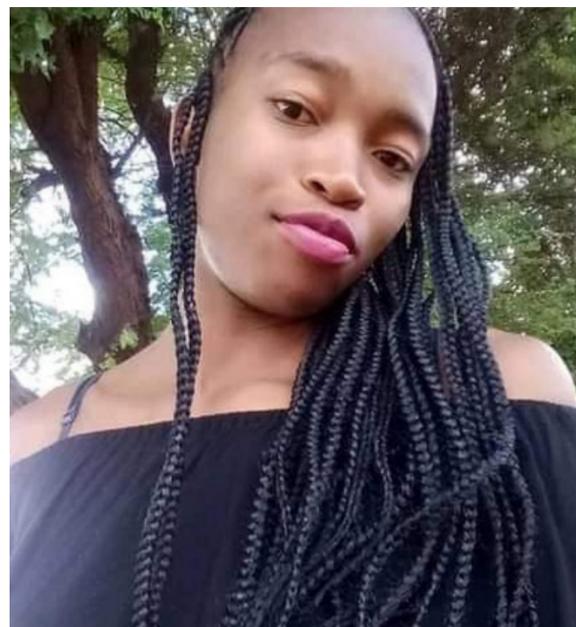
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Amahle Quku



Tshwanelo Seleke



Nosipho Shazi

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Namhla Mtwana

In May 2022, 35-year-old Namhla Mtwana, an administrative official for the OR Tambo District Municipality, arrived at her home in Mthatha when she was ambushed in her driveway. She was shot nine times through her car window in what appeared to be a targeted assassination. Following her death, harrowing photos and messages surfaced on social media, detailing years of physical and emotional abuse she had allegedly suffered at the hands of her long-term partner.

Namhla is remembered by her family and colleagues as a hardworking, professional woman who was the pillar of her household. Her sister, Siyabonga, became a leading voice in the fight for justice, describing Namhla as a "quiet and resilient" person who had been trapped in a cycle of violence. Her legacy continues to fuel the demand for accountability for those who use power and influence to silence victims.

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Hannah Cornelius

In May 2017, 21-year-old Stellenbosch University student Hannah Cornelius was sitting in her car with a friend in the early hours of the morning when they were hijacked by four men. While her friend was severely beaten and managed to escape, Hannah was abducted, gang-raped, and eventually stabbed to death. Her body was discovered later that morning on a quiet road near a wine estate outside Stellenbosch.

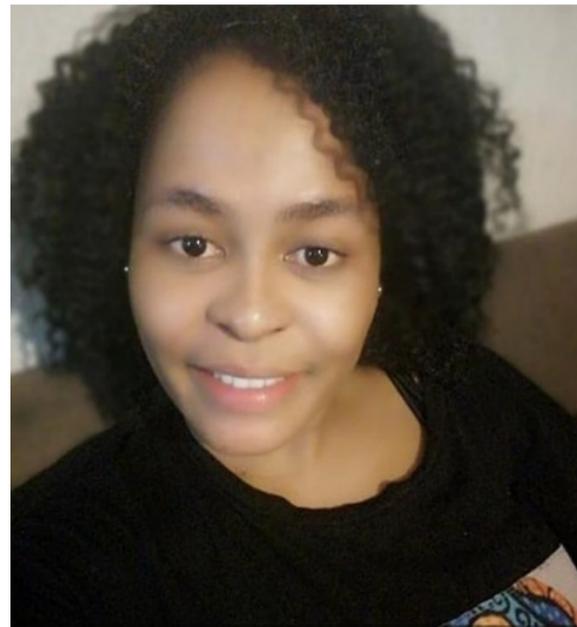
Hannah is remembered by her family and friends as an exceptionally gifted, "brilliant" student who possessed a deep sense of empathy. Her father, a retired magistrate, spoke of her "grace and kindness," while her mother's tragic death less than a year later was seen by many as a testament to the unbearable weight of their loss. In her honor, the Hannah Cornelius Foundation was established to provide support and education to underprivileged youth in the communities where her attackers lived, seeking to address the root causes of violence.



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Amanda Mthembu



Thokozile Kubheka



Sibahle Mkhize



Akhona Mncube



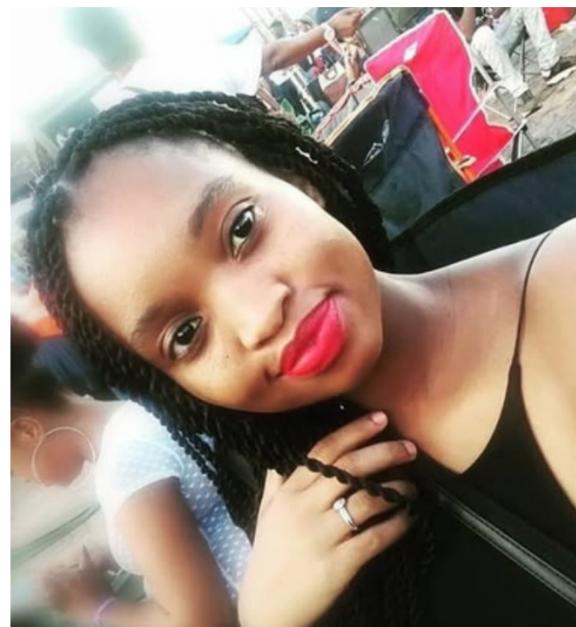
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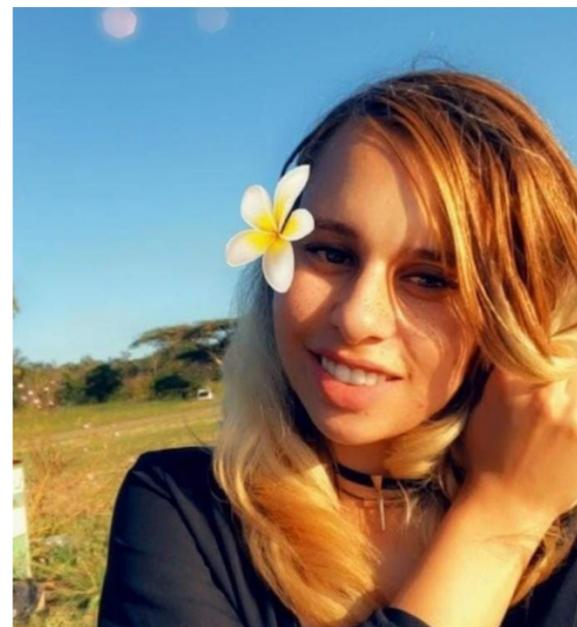
Beauty Seamisang



Hlengiwe Msimango



Nosiphe Mkrabalala



Tanya Oakes

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Cleo Diko

In January 2023, 18-year-old Cleo Diko disappeared from her home in Mandalay, Mitchells Plain. For months, her family searched for her, until a grim discovery was made in April: her body had been found concealed inside a bed base in the shack of a man she knew in the same area. The community was horrified to learn that she had been murdered and her remains hidden just a short distance from where her family lived.

Cleo is remembered by her family and friends as a vibrant young woman with a bright future ahead of her. Her mother, who spent months hoping for her safe return, described her as a "bubbly and sweet" daughter. Her death left a profound scar on her community, where she is mourned as a life stolen by a senseless and cruel act of violence.

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Jesse Hess

In August 2019, 18-year-old Jesse Hess, a first-year theology student at the University of the Western Cape, was at her home in Parow with her 85-year-old grandfather, Chris Lategan. The sanctuary of their apartment was shattered when two men—one of whom was a relative—entered the home to rob them. Both Jesse and her grandfather were found murdered; Jesse had been tied up, raped, and strangled to death.

Dr. Tiana Bosman, her Theology Lecturer, attested to Jesse's great potential, noting her "character, intellect and work ethic," and shared that Jesse aspired to achieve fame and make a significant impact. The UWC leadership honored her as a "beautiful soul" dedicated to her family and community, affirming that her pursuit of theology was a true "reflection of the kind of person Jesse was."

Jesse Hess is remembered for her aspirations and the positive light she brought to her loved ones and the university community.

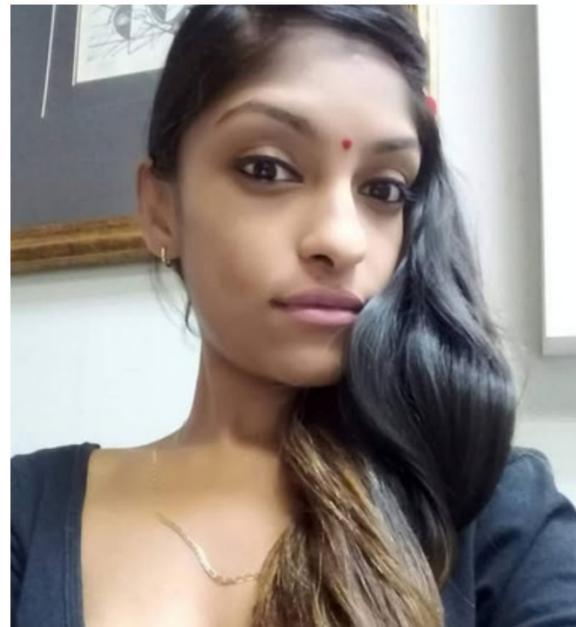
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Anneline Hesebeck



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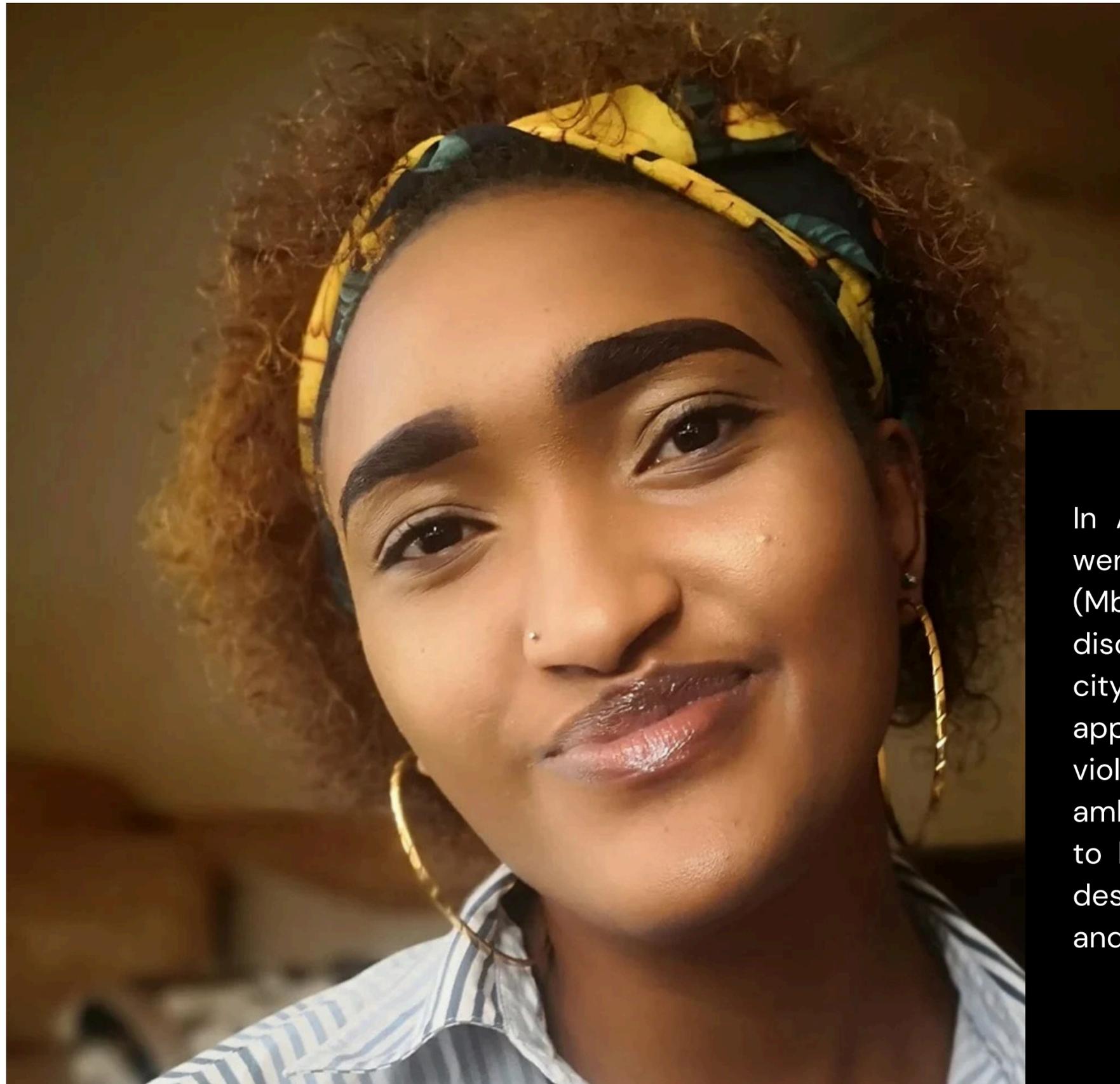


Sabrina Isaacs

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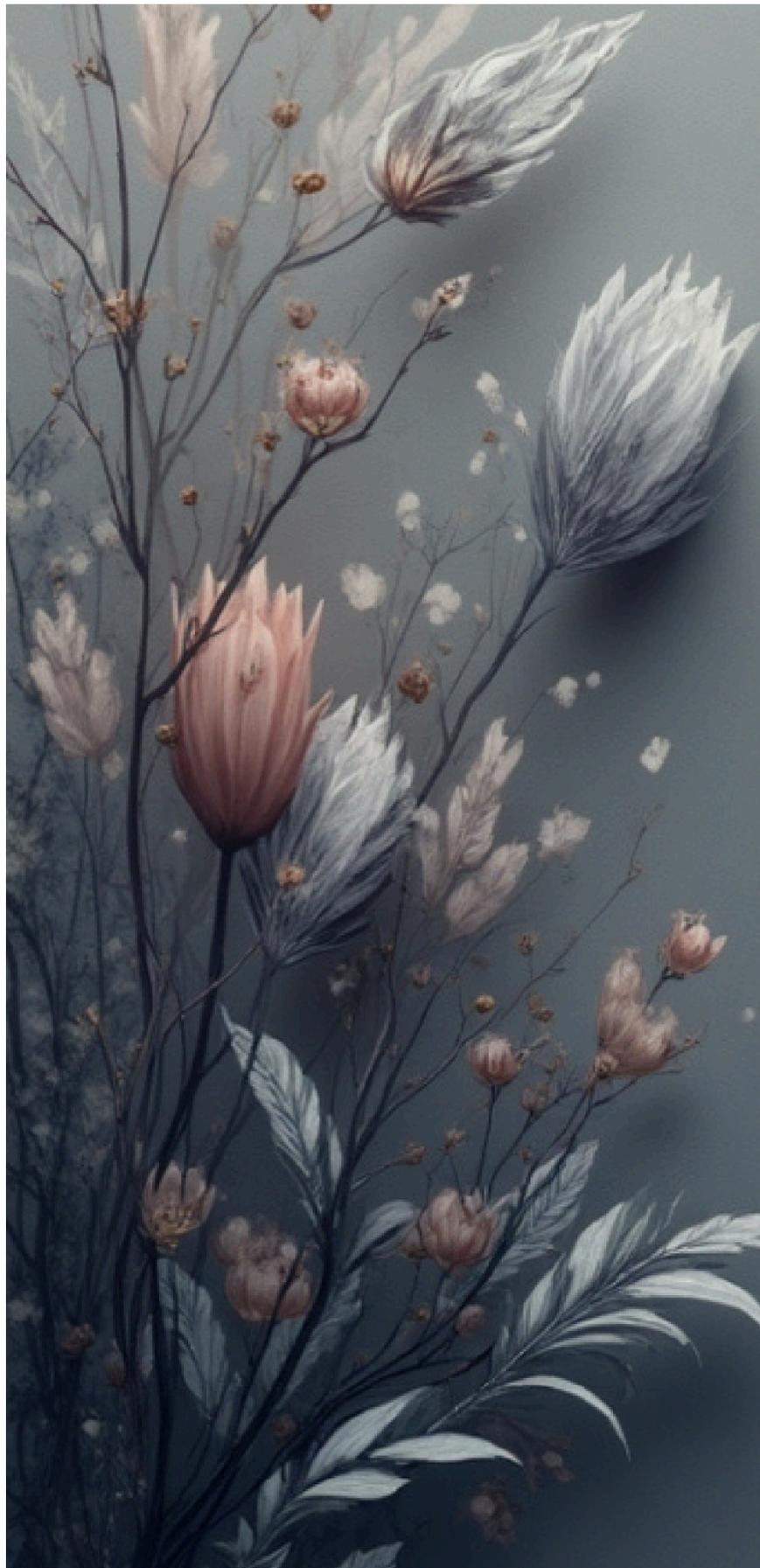
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Hillary Gardee

In April 2022, 28-year-old Hillary Gardee, an IT student went missing after visiting a shopping center in Nelspruit (Mbombela). After a frantic four-day search, her body was discovered by passersby in a timber plantation outside the city. She had been brutally assaulted and shot in what appeared to be a calculated and cold-blooded act of violence. Hillary is remembered by her loved ones as a kind, ambitious, and "selfless" woman who was a devoted mother to her three-year-old daughter. At her funeral, her family described her as a person who possessed a "quiet strength" and a bright future that was tragically stolen.

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Gouwa Smith-Newman and Zainab Jacobs

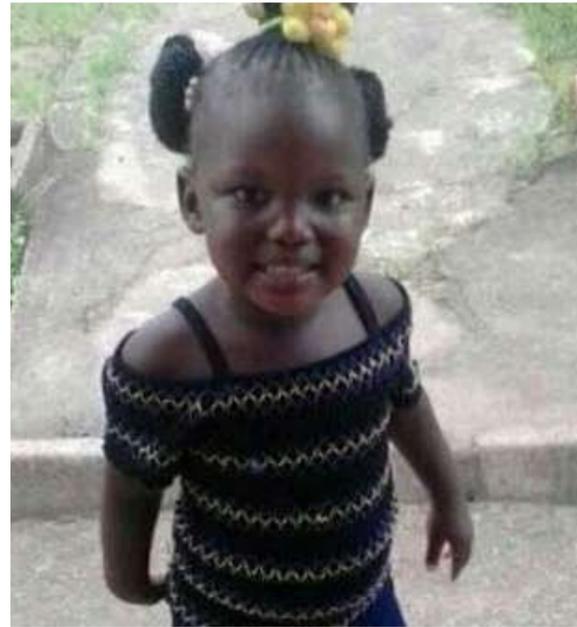
These sisters were gunned down on Thursday afternoon while waiting outside Portlands Primary School in Mitchell's Plain. The shocking incident also left a 12-year-old boy injured. According to police spokesperson Sergeant Wesley Twigg, the women, aged 26 and 30, were approached by a relative who opened fire on them at around 3pm on Wespoort Drive. "Medical personnel declared the younger victim dead at the scene, while the older woman died shortly after arriving at a nearby medical facility," Twigg said. Their brother, who was on foot, first shot Jacobs while she was crossing the pedestrian crossing, then ran towards Smith Newman who was sitting in the car and shot her, before fleeing the scene with the children.

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Hettie and Lizette



Sanelisiwe Mhlongo



Tracy-Lee Collins



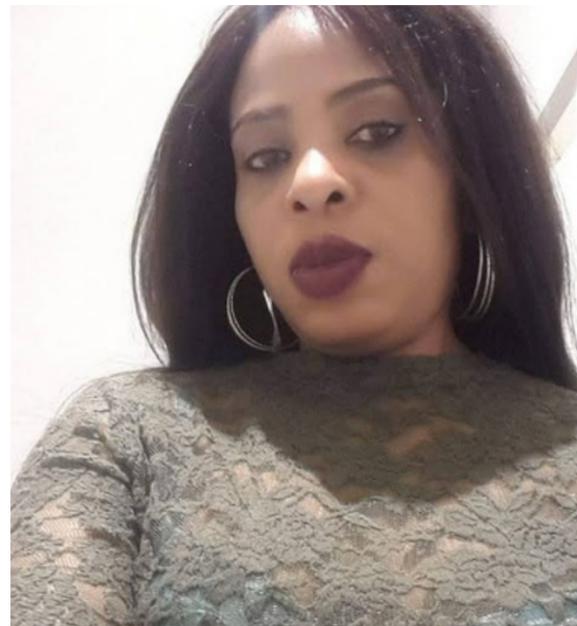
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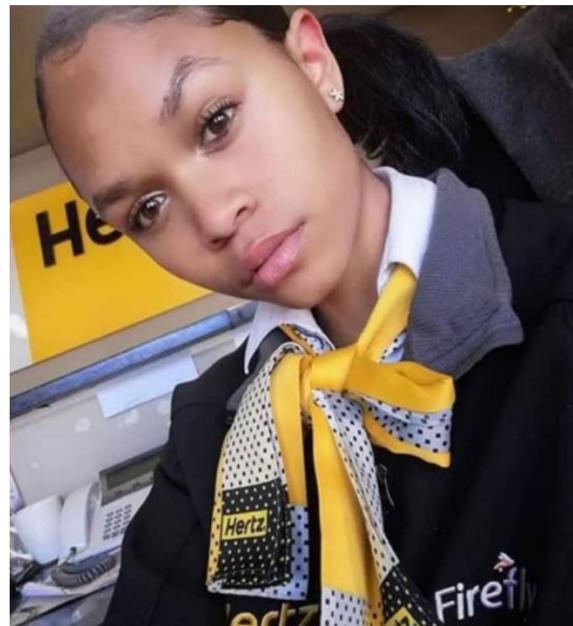
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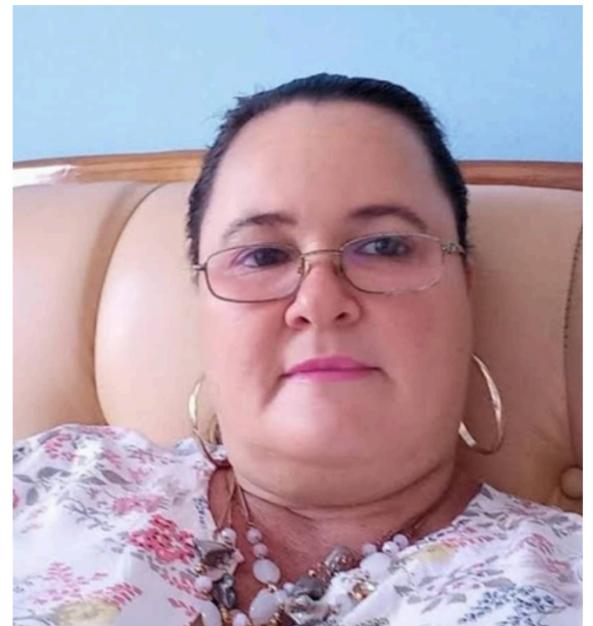
Nosipho Mbuyisa Nyembe



Bathabile Colleen Phohlo



Cileachia Logan Roseburg



Lia Anita Adeline

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Lindiwe Mogale

In May 2021, 35-year-old Lindiwe Mogale was at her home in Tickyline Village, near Lenyenye in Limpopo, when a dispute broke out with her boyfriend. In a horrific act of violence, her partner doused her with petrol and set her alight. Lindiwe fought for her life in Mankweng Hospital for several days, but she tragically succumbed to her severe third-degree burns, leaving her community and family in deep mourning.



Yolín Kannemeyer

In June 2021, 20-year-old Yolín Kannemeyer was at the home she shared with her partner in Mossel Bay, Western Cape, when her life was tragically cut short. Her body was discovered on a sofa by her partner's own brother; she had been strangled to death. Her partner was subsequently arrested and charged with her murder, an act of violence that occurred while their young child was nearby.

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Kgaogelo Shai

In August 2022, 21-year-old Kgaogelo Shai, was visiting her boyfriend's home in Protea Glen, Soweto, when she went missing. After a frantic search by her family, her body was found hidden in a shallow grave in the backyard of the property. She had been brutally murdered and buried by the person she trusted, who later confessed to the crime.

Kgaogelo is remembered by her family and classmates as an ambitious, bright student who was just months away from completing her degree. Her mother described the unbearable pain of losing her only daughter, remembering Kgaogelo as a "responsible and loving" young woman who had dreams of building a better life for her family.



Mapula Khune

Mapula Khune, the 27 year old sister of Bafana Bafana goalkeeper, Itumeleng Khune, was found burnt to death in her grandmothers house. She passed away on Thursday, 4th of March, in Tshing area, nearby Ventersdorp, in the North West. It's alleged that the room was torched, and a 17 year old suspect has been arrested.

Mapula is remembered by her family and friends as a vibrant entrepreneur and a "marketer by profession" who was building her own path through fashion and furniture businesses. In the weeks before her death, she had expressed her gratitude for her life and family on social media, describing herself as blessed.



Dimakatso Lebelo

In May 2021, 25-year-old Dimakatso Lebelo, a mother from Mapela, Limpopo, was found dead in the home of her partner's parents. Her body was discovered lying in a pool of blood with horrific wounds to her head, legs, and hands. Following the discovery, the police launched a manhunt for her partner, Victor Sebelebele, in connection with the brutal murder.

Dimakatso is remembered by her family as a "loving mother" who was dedicated to her children. Her family and friends have mourned her as a young woman whose life was cut short far too soon, leaving behind a family shattered by a senseless act of violence.



Lauren Braiden



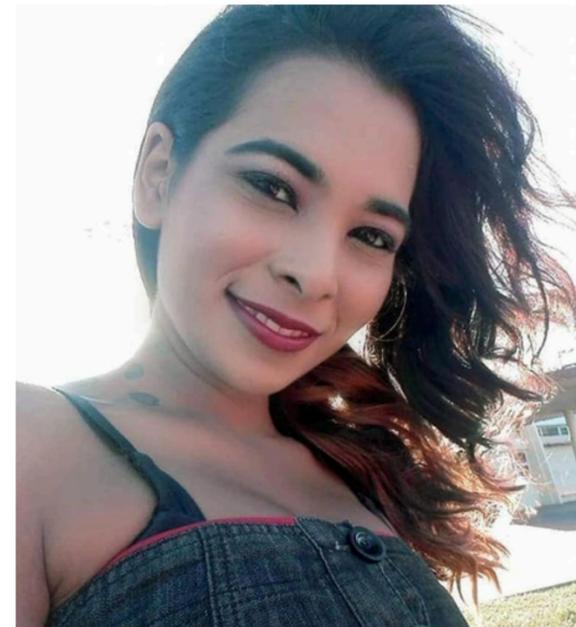
Jessica Weyers



Mpharwane Makumane



Snegugu Linda



Sherne Pillay



Natasjia Geldenhuys



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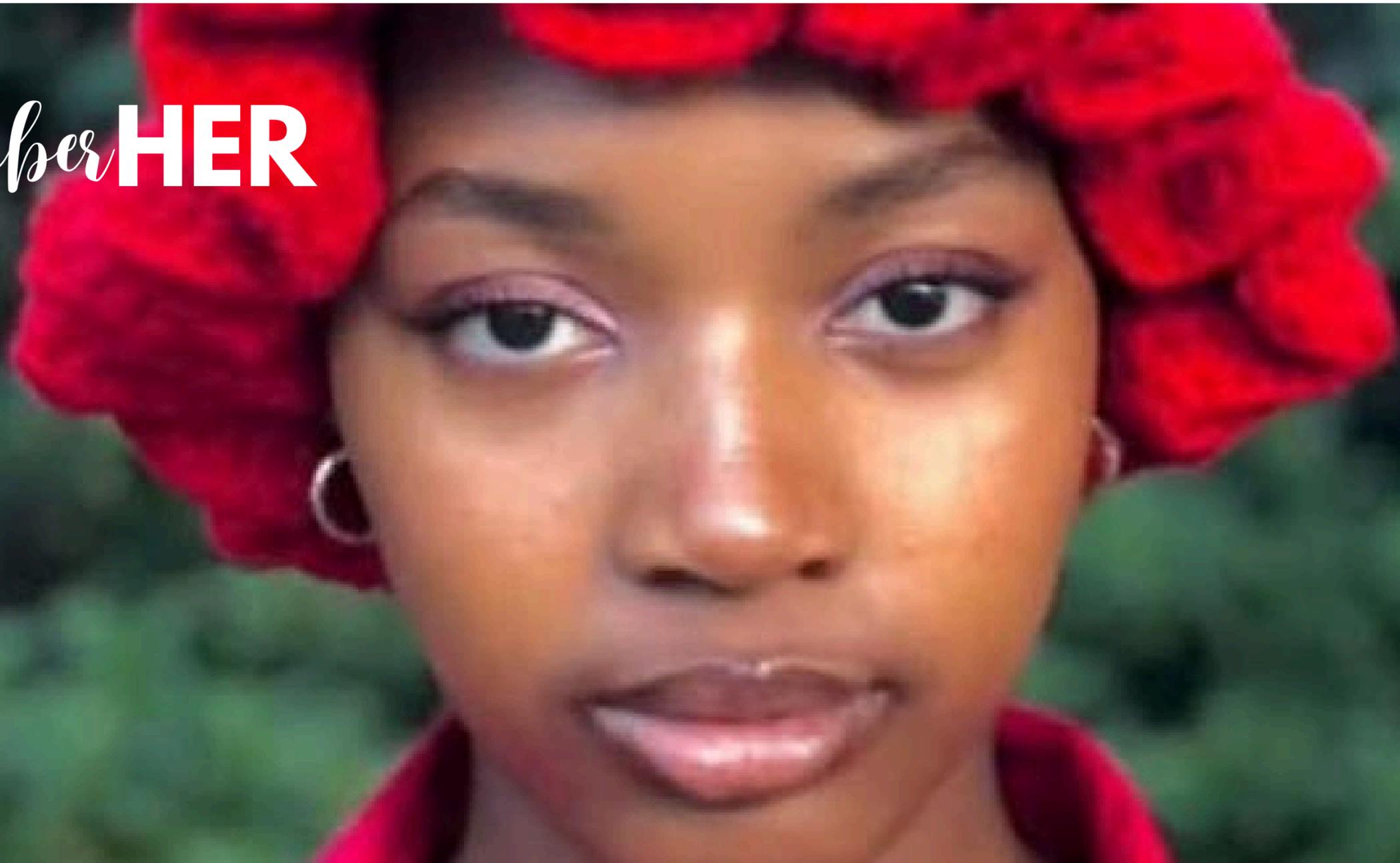
Snothabo Dlamini

In July 2024, 25-year-old Snothabo Dlamini, a mother of two from Johannesburg, Gauteng, was at her home when she was allegedly shot and killed by her partner. Her partner, who was reported to be a member of the South African Police Service (SAPS), then turned the weapon on himself and committed suicide. The incident left a family shattered and two young children without their mother.

Snothabo is remembered by her loved ones as a devoted mother whose primary focus was the well-being and future of her two children. Her friends and family in Gauteng have mourned her as a "sister and a pillar of strength" whose life was violently ended in an act of ultimate betrayal.

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Lisakhanya Labi

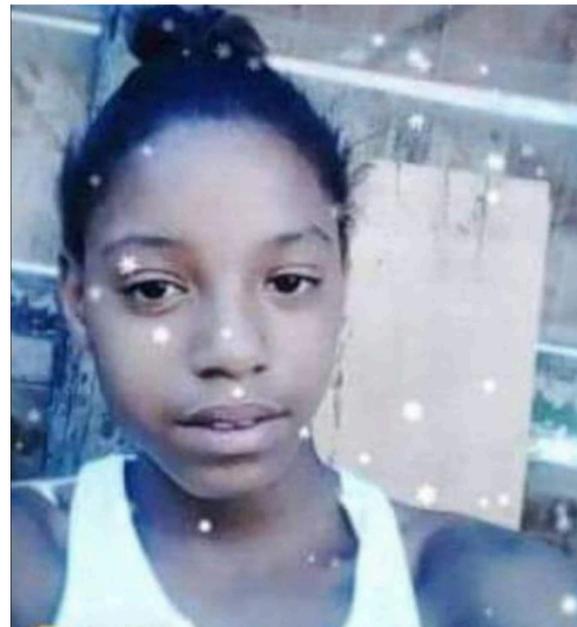
In July 2025, 21-year-old Lisakhanya Labi and her close friend, 20-year-old Monalisa Ojani, were at an apartment in Gqeberha, Eastern Cape, when a 31-year-old off-duty police officer opened fire on them. A third friend narrowly escaped when the officer's gun momentarily jammed, but Lisakhanya and Monalisa were tragically shot and killed. After the brutal attack, the officer turned the weapon on himself and committed suicide, leaving behind a scene of absolute devastation.

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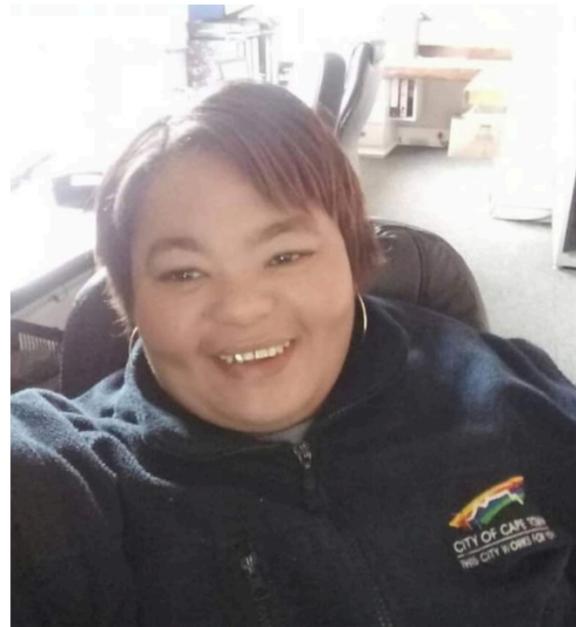
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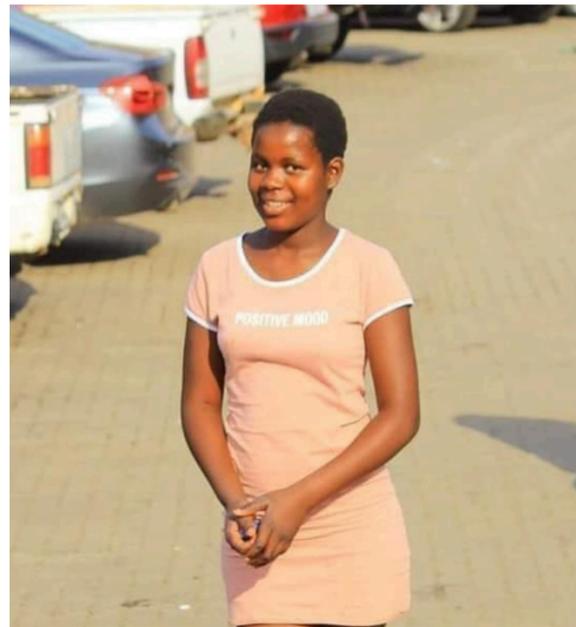
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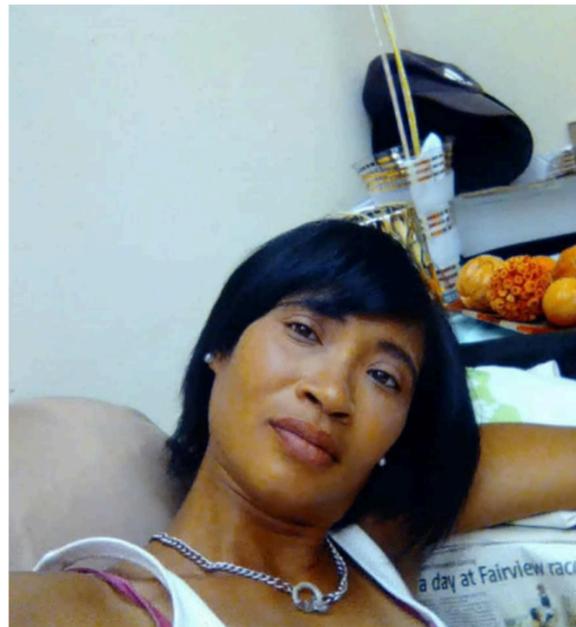
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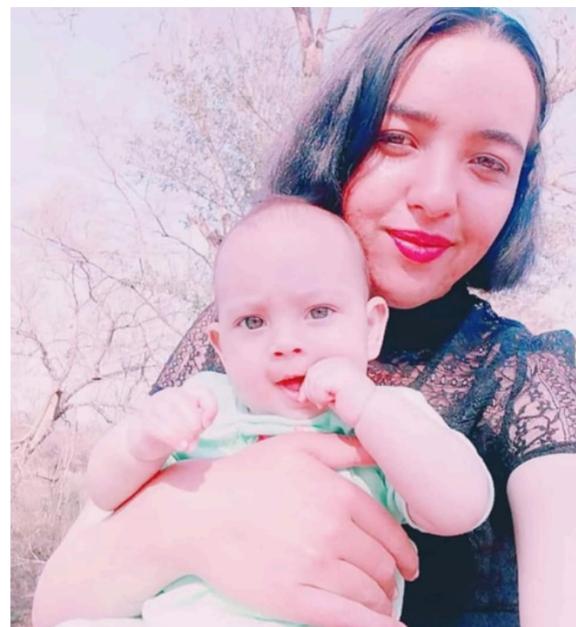
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Zolile Khumalo

In May 2018, 21-year-old Zolile Khumalo, a first-year Quantity Surveying student at the Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT), was in her room at the Lonsdale residence in Durban when her life was violently taken. Her ex-boyfriend, who had forced his way into the building despite security, shot her in the head and chest. Following the murder, he stayed in the room and posted a chilling message on Facebook, suggesting he had "forgiven" her for their breakup before he was arrested at the scene.

Zolile is remembered by her peers as "Babes Wodumo"—a nickname given to her because of her popularity, beauty, and vibrant personality. Her father, Comfort Khumalo, described the 18-month trial as an agonizing journey, but expressed relief when the killer was sentenced to life imprisonment. He remembered his daughter as a brilliant young woman whom the family relied on to "get an education and change our lives," a dream that was cruelly stolen just as it was beginning.

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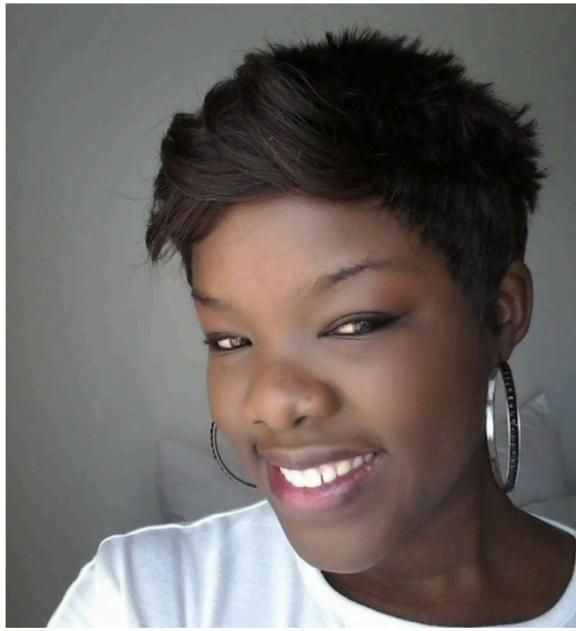


Ayesha Unam Mamfanya

In July 2025, 28-year-old Ayesha Unam Mamfanya, who was living with her partner's family in Gugulethu, Cape Town, was brutally attacked by her boyfriend. He beat her until she lost consciousness before leaving her at a local day hospital and fleeing the scene. Tragically, Ayesha succumbed to her injuries. Her boyfriend was later arrested after initially being on the run.

Ayesha is remembered by her family as a kind and loving woman who had her whole life ahead of her. Her family expressed deep grief and frustration, noting that she had been living with her partner's family at the time of the attack. They remember her as a vibrant soul whose life was stolen in a senseless act of brutality. Her story remains a painful call to action for neighbors and family members to speak out against abuse.

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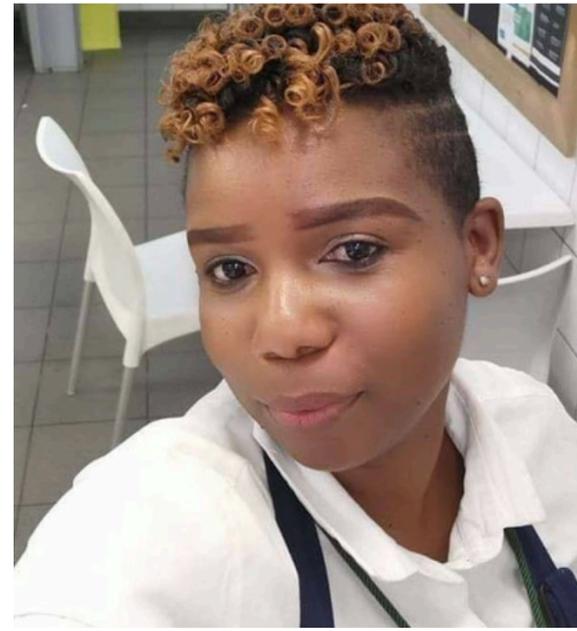
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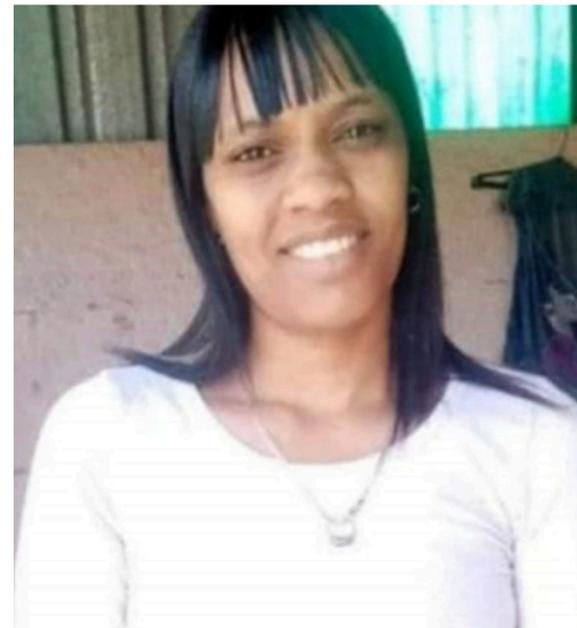
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Dorcas 'Didi' Lekganyane

In July 2024, 32-year-old Dorcas "Didi" Lekganyane, a renowned traditional health practitioner and prominent researcher, was found murdered in her home in Bramley, Johannesburg. She had been stabbed multiple times. Her husband was found at the scene, having reportedly attempted to take his own life following the attack. Despite the presence of a protection order she had previously sought against him, the sanctuary of her home was not enough to protect her from the person she had once loved.

Didi is remembered as a brilliant "scientist-healer" and a trailblazer who was named one of the Mail & Guardian's 200 Young South Africans. Her colleagues described her as a visionary who bridged the gap between indigenous knowledge and Western science with grace and passion.



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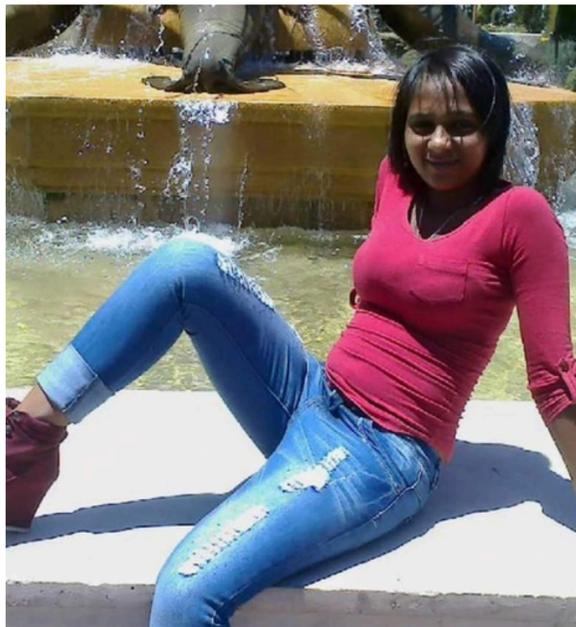
Deveney Nel

"In August 2024, 16-year-old Deveney Nel, a Grade 10 student at Hoërskool Overberg in Caledon, attended a school sports day but never returned home. After she was reported missing, a search of the school premises led to the grim discovery of her body in the school's storeroom. She had been stabbed to death in a place that should have been a safe environment for learning and growth.

Deveney is remembered by her friends and teachers as a vibrant, popular, and kind-hearted girl who excelled in sports and was a "bright light" in her school community. Her mother, Lize Nel, shared her heartbreak on social media, describing the pain of losing her daughter as "unbearable." Her legacy continues through the many lives she touched in Caledon, and her story remains a powerful reminder of the vulnerability of children even within the gates of their own schools.

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Shameema Doherty



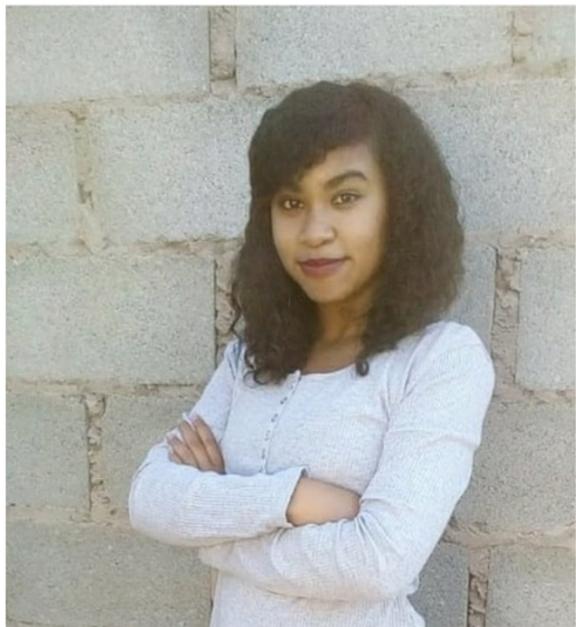
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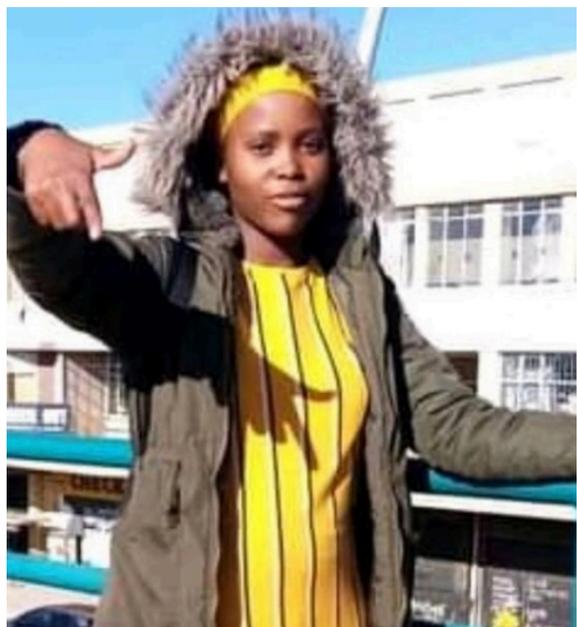
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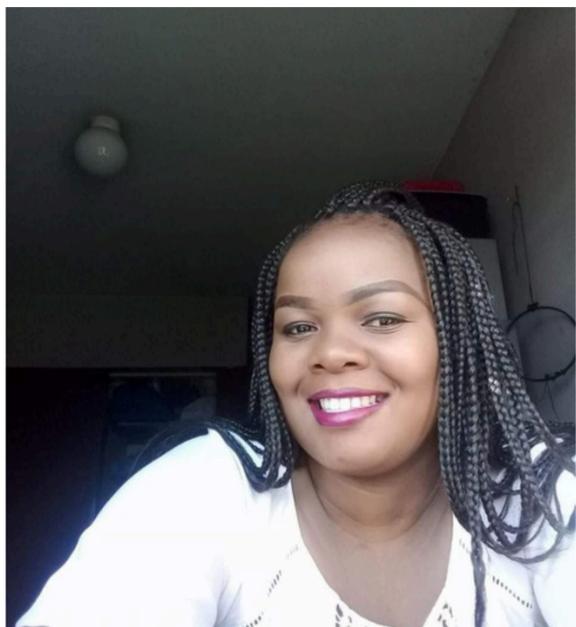
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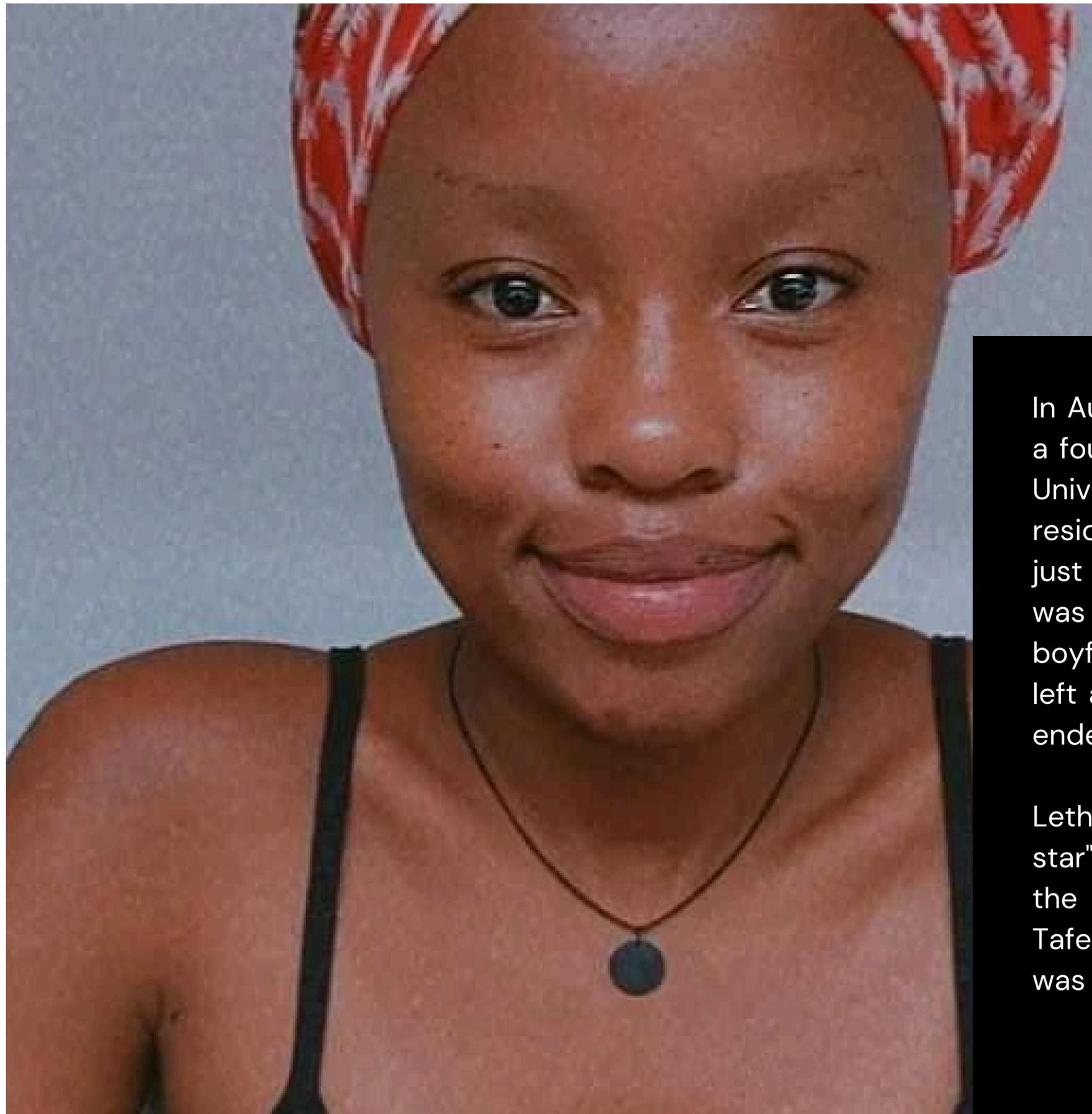
Fezeka Ndlovu

In July 2024, 25-year-old Fezeka Ndlovu, a pharmacist from Ekurhuleni, Gauteng, had just returned home after a visit with her grandmother in KwaZulu-Natal. The safety of her return was shattered when her partner, Constable Vincent Kekana, allegedly attacked her. In a display of extreme brutality, he stabbed her to death and continued to strike her bloodied body with a chair. The most harrowing part of the tragedy was that Fezeka's seven-year-old daughter was forced to witness the entire murder of her mother.

Fezeka is remembered by her loved ones as a hardworking and brilliant young professional who had achieved her dream of becoming a pharmacist. Her family described her as a "nurturing soul" whose life revolved around her daughter. The loss of her vibrant spirit has left a deep scar on her family, who now focus on seeking justice for Fezeka and providing a future for the little girl she left behind.



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Lethabo Rebecca Nchabeleng

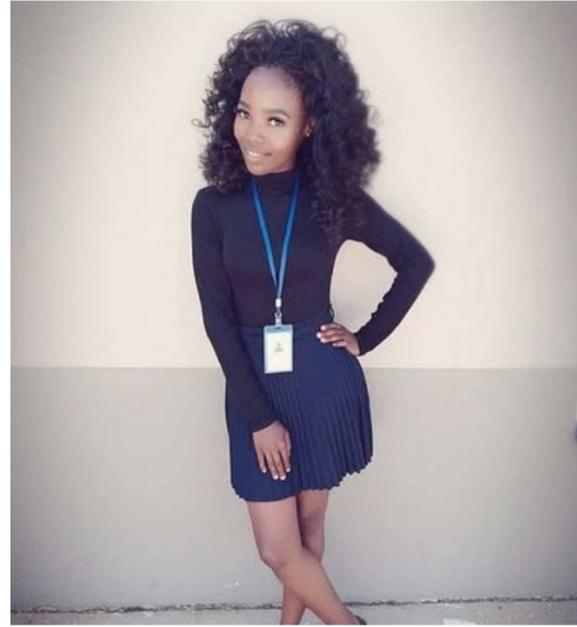
In August 2024, 22-year-old Lethabo Rebecca Nchabeleng, a fourth-year Bachelor of Education student at North West University, was found dead in her room at a private residence. Originally from Tafelkop, Limpopo, Lethabo was just months away from completing her degree when her life was tragically taken. Her body was discovered only after her boyfriend was found dead in his home in Sharpeville; a note left at his side led the police to the location where he had ended Lethabo's life before taking his own.

Lethabo is remembered as a dedicated student and a "rising star" who was passionate about teaching and empowering the next generation. Her family and the community of Tafelkop mourned her as a quiet, hardworking daughter who was the pride of her village.

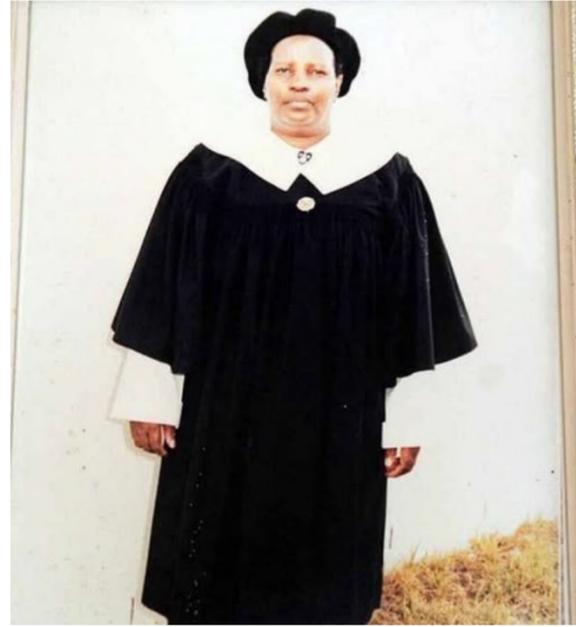
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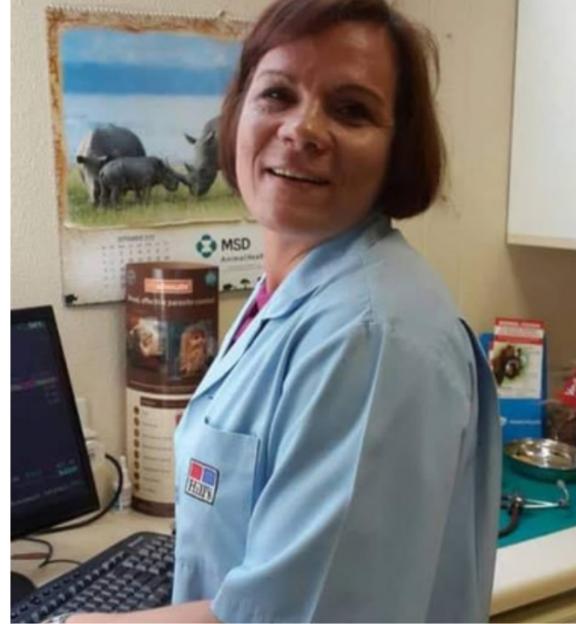
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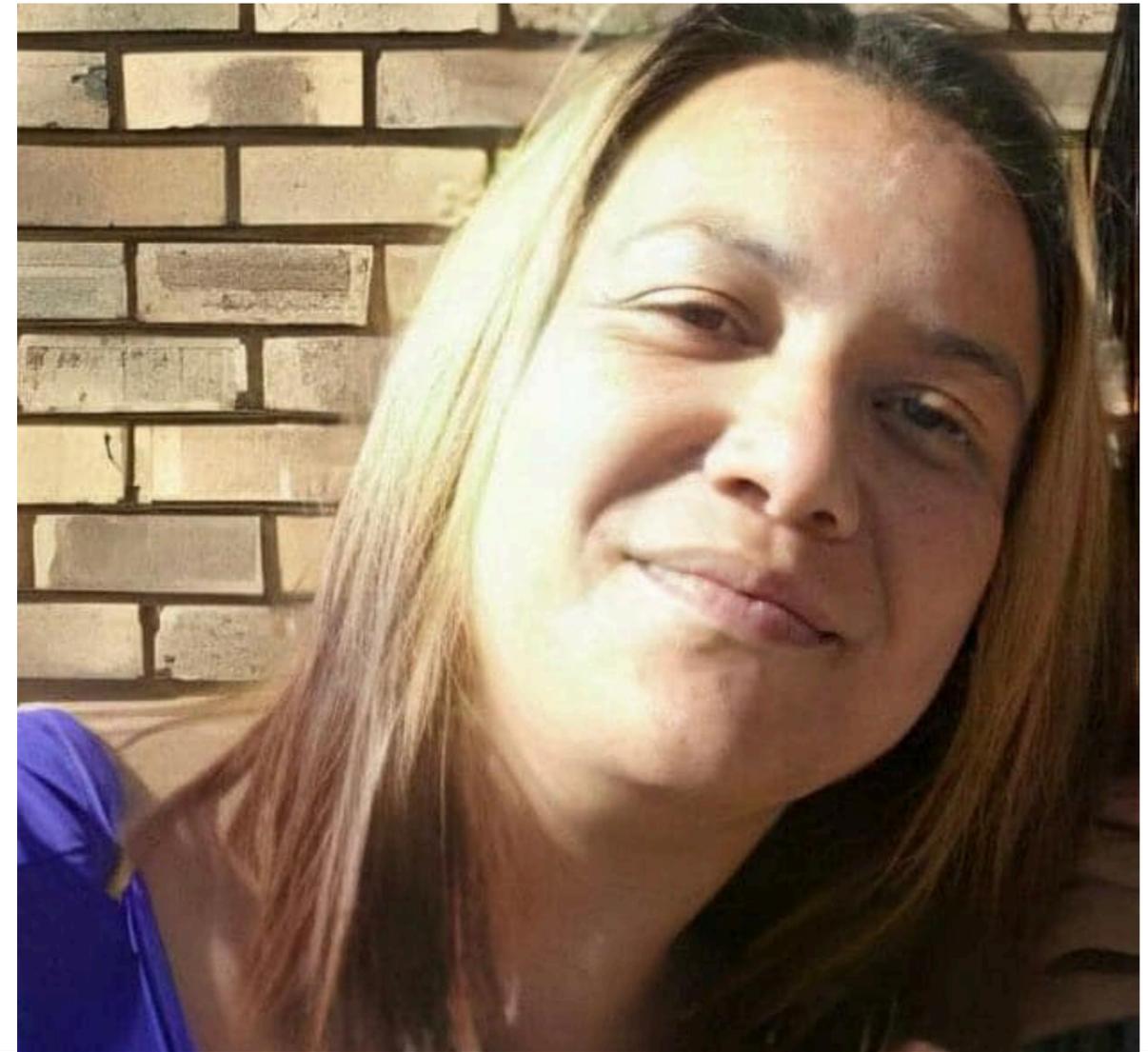


Palesa Mofokeng

In April 2024, 33-year-old Palesa Mofokeng, a dedicated teacher and mother from Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng, was on her way to work when she was targeted in a brutal, calculated assassination. As she was driving to school, gunmen opened fire on her vehicle; she was later found with eight gunshot wounds. The investigation revealed a chilling level of premeditation, with the attack allegedly being planned since September of the previous year. Four men were arrested for the murder, including her ex-husband, a medical doctor.

Palesa is remembered by her students and colleagues as an inspiring educator who had a profound impact on the young lives she shaped. Her family described her as a "selfless mother" and a woman of immense strength who lived for her children.

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Zakkiyah Rayman and Marishka Davids

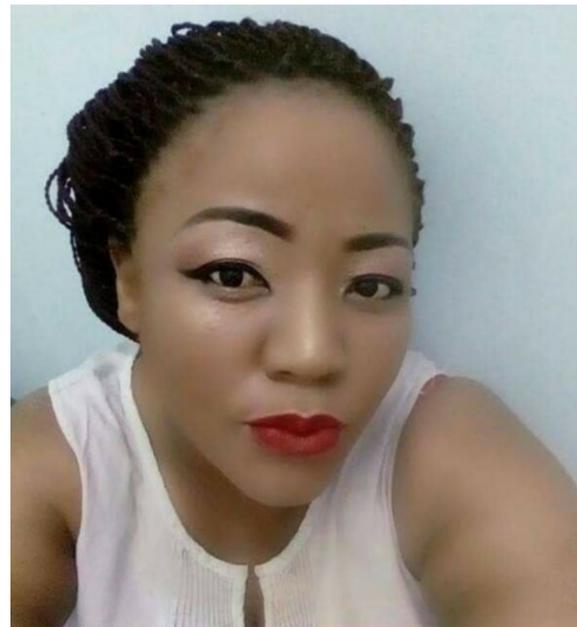
In February 2023, Marishka Davids and her friend Zakkiyah Rayman were at a home in Florida, Roodepoort, when they became victims of a horrific attack. During a dispute, Marishka's boyfriend doused both women in petrol and set them alight. Their neighbours, hearing the commotion, rushed to their aid and managed to smother the flames before the two were taken to the hospital. Tragically, Zakkiyah passed away on February 18th, and Marishka followed on February 28th, succumbing to their severe injuries. Marishka and Zakkiyah are remembered as inseparable friends who shared a bond of loyalty until the very end. Their families described the "indescribable agony" of their final weeks and praised the neighbors who acted as heroes in their final moments.

They are mourned as vibrant women and mothers whose lives were stolen by a man who chose to destroy everything in his path.

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Muriel Armugan



Zinhle Joy Xulu



Renée Jain



Mapheto Caroline Rathupetjane



Nicole Bester



Denise Roman



Zandile Vara



Jostina Sangweni



Elene Lino



Annemique and Almique

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Yanga Dolly Mlanjeni

In January 2024, 32-year-old Yanga Dolly Mlanjeni, a mother from Khayelitsha, Cape Town, was at her home when she was subjected to a horrific attack. It is alleged that her neighbor forced his way into her residence, where he raped her before smothering her to death with a pillow. Despite the gravity of the crime and an initial arrest, her neighbor was reportedly released less than 30 minutes later, leaving a family in mourning and a community in shock as the investigation continues.

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Tania Msane Zungu

In January 2024, 36-year-old Tania Msane Zungu was inside her home in Padfield Park, Pinetown, when her life was violently taken. She was shot multiple times in her neck and head, allegedly by her husband, a military-trained SANDF officer. The brutal attack took place in the presence of her two children, aged 13 and 15, and an aunt. Her husband handed himself over to the police two days later after initially fleeing the scene.

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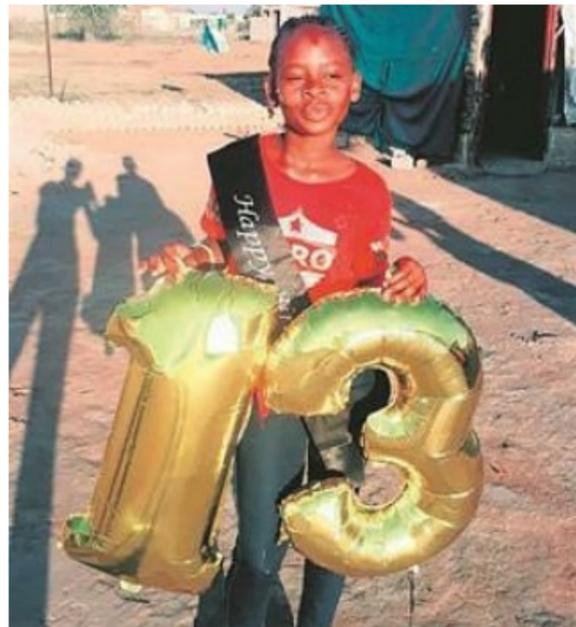
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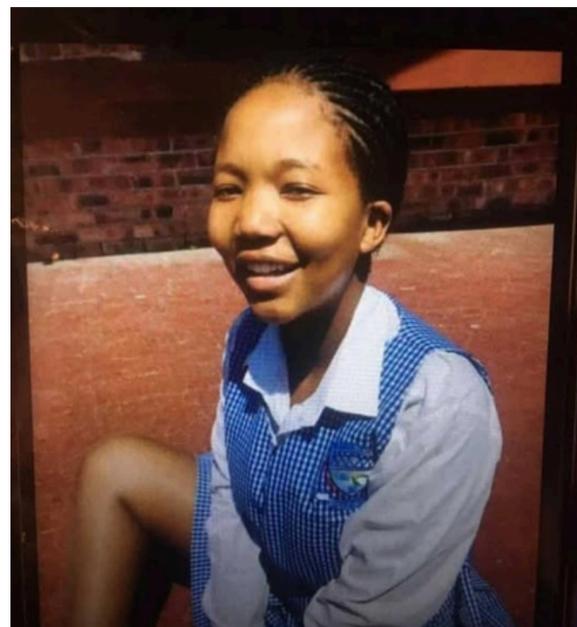
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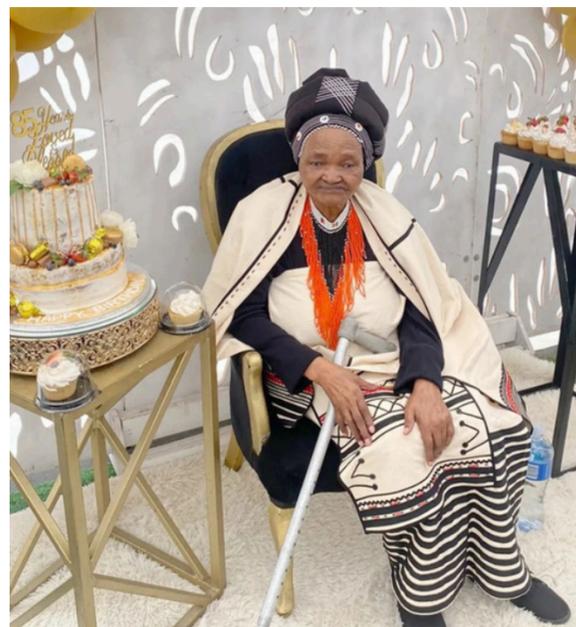
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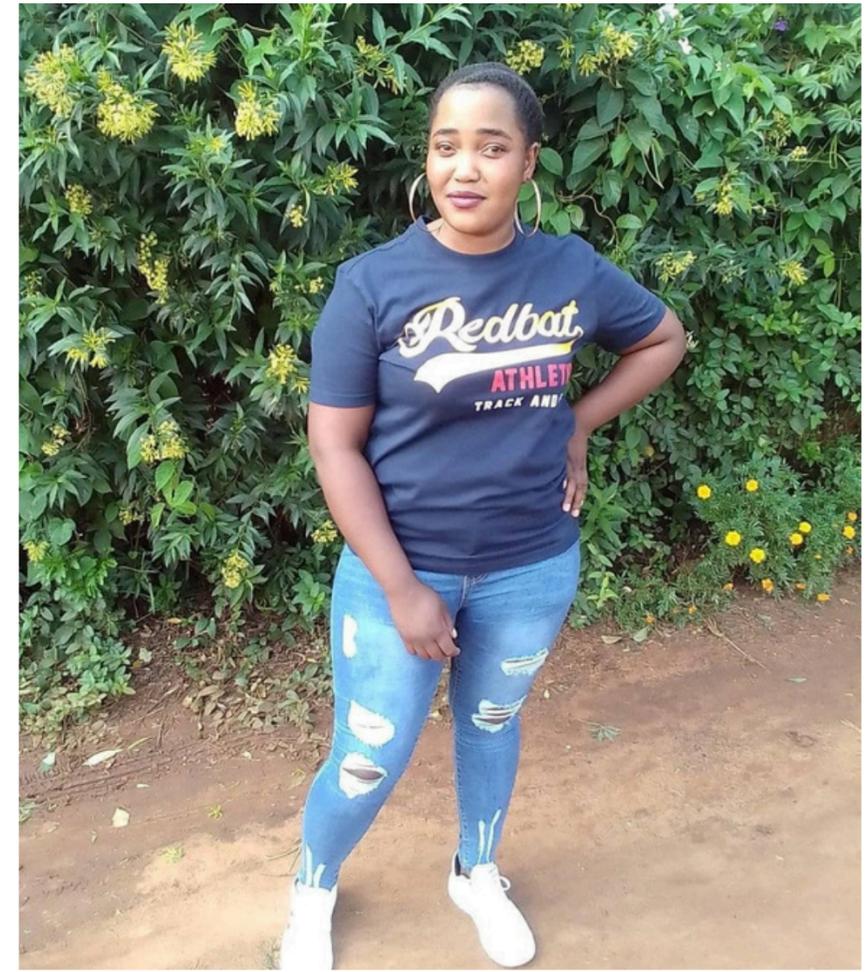
In April 2023, 21-year-old Almay Hurling was at her parents' home in Bridgton, Oudtshoorn, when a man she knew—a municipal worker and a family acquaintance—approached her. After asking for a glass of water, he followed her into the house and locked the door behind them. Tragically, Almay was later found by a member of the public; she had been stabbed multiple times and was declared dead at the scene.

In a chilling turn of events, the suspect, Allister Wanie, allegedly attended Almay's memorial service and was present while police were on the scene before later attempting to take his own life. He passed away in the hospital under police guard a few days later.



Yonela Sodam

In May 2023, Yonela Sodam, a mother living in Stanford, Western Cape, was at her home when she was subjected to a brutal and fatal attack. In an act of extreme violence, her partner bludgeoned her to death within the walls of their residence. He was subsequently arrested and appeared in the Hermanus Magistrate's Court to face charges for the murder, having turned a home into a scene of tragedy on International Workers' Day. Yonela is remembered by her loved ones as a devoted mother who lived for her children and worked hard to build a life for them in Stanford. Her family and friends described her as a woman of strength whose presence is deeply missed.



Amelia Mkhabela

In June 2023, 24-year-old Amelia Mazivila (Mkhabela) was on her way home from a nearby shopping centre in Tsakane, East of Johannesburg, when she was targeted in a brutal and bizarre attack. Near a sports ground, she was robbed and stabbed three times, but her attackers also forced her to drink an unknown poison. Despite managing to run home and reach the Pholosong Hospital, Amelia collapsed and passed away a day later, unable to identify her attackers before she died. Amelia is remembered by her sister, Leah, as "sunshine"—a friendly, kind, and healthy young woman who was always willing to help others.



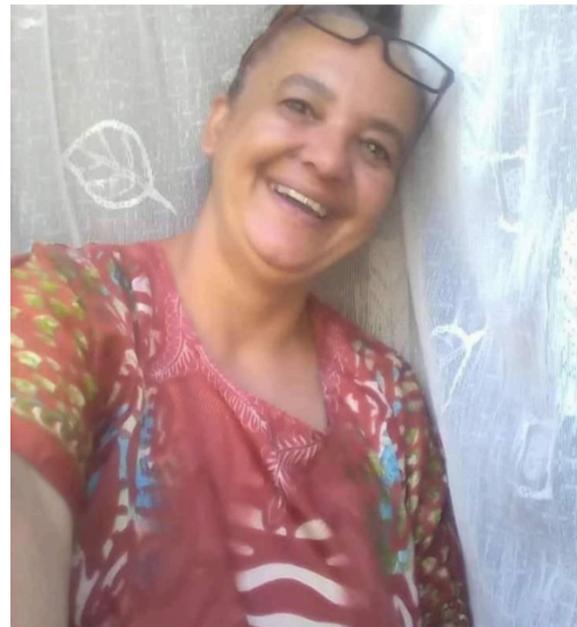
Delana Cader

In May 2023, 46-year-old Delana Cader Rawlins, a prominent and beloved gospel singer from Pietermaritzburg, was celebrating at a party on the eve of Mother's Day. Following an argument with her estranged ex-husband, Ian Rawlins, she left the venue in her car. He followed her and forced her to stop on the side of the road. There, in a final act of domestic terror, he fired 12 shots at her through the car window. Delana was tragically killed just weeks after their divorce had been finalised.

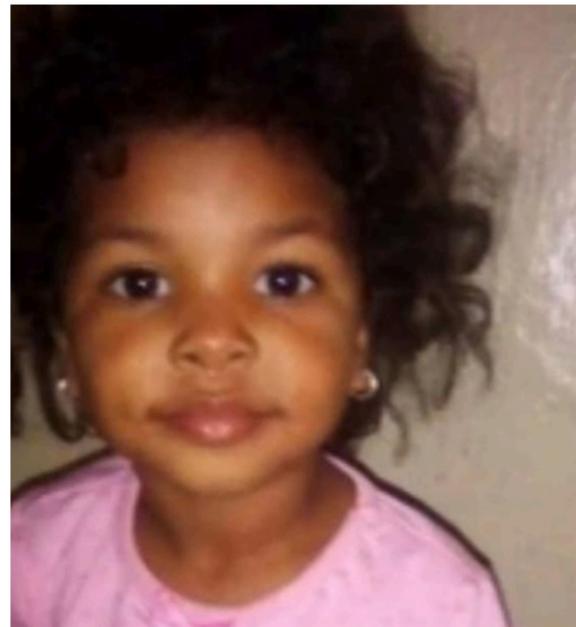
Delana is remembered as a "talented and anointed" musician whose voice brought comfort to many through her gospel songs. Her mother described the "unspeakable fear" and sleepless nights left in the wake of the tragedy, while her three daughters spoke of the heartbreaking void left by a mother who was their pillar of strength. Her legacy continues through her music and the community's refusal to stay silent about the scourge of gender-based violence.



Nokuthula Bolitye



Charlene October



Andrea Jordaan



Tamara Padi



Athini Mangqoyiya



Khanya Msuthu



Amogelang Kgonyane



Eunice Moloko



Gaitewe Kabasia



Lameez Johnson



Christine Yolanda Gumira

In May 2023, 30-year-old Christine Yolanda Gumira, a mother originally from Zimbabwe living in Cape Town, was walking with two others in Wynberg when she was ambushed. An unidentified man approached her from behind and fatally shot her in the head. Earlier that day, Christine had attended a case at the Wynberg Magistrate's Court, where she was a key witness against a man accused of murdering her friend. Despite reportedly notifying the South African Police Service (SAPS) of multiple threats against her life prior to the shooting, she was not provided with protection.

Her family described her as a "fearless" person who was deeply committed to her children and her community. Her legacy remains a somber call for better protection for witnesses and a reminder of the immense personal cost often paid by those who seek justice in a climate of intimidation.

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Shireen Moore

In February 2023, 55-year-old Shireen Moore was at her home in Valhalla Park, Cape Town, when a domestic dispute with her husband turned into a physical scuffle. During the confrontation, Shireen fell and struck her head, an injury that ultimately led to her death. Her passing marked the tragic end of a life that had been defined by unimaginable grief following the 2016 murder of her daughter, Lekita Moore, who was stabbed 98 times in one of the city's most notorious cases of femicide.

Shireen is remembered as a mother whose heart was shattered by the loss of her child. Before the tragedy of 2016, she was known as a woman who fought for her family, but her later years were spent in the shadow of mourning.



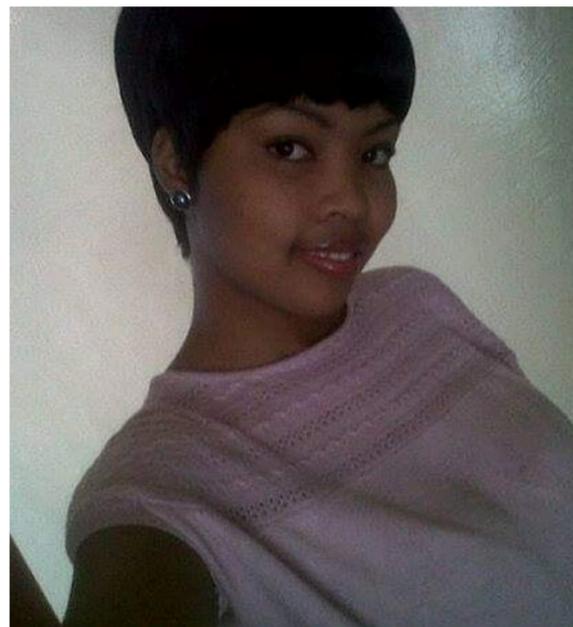
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Samantha Zungu



Silindokuhle Mnyikizo



Palesa Maruping



Sharon Nonjabulo Mogale



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Babita Deokaran



Patricia Juliet Ndlovu



Pheliswa Sawutana



Monique Cottle



Amanda Lightfoot

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Ntokozo Mayenzi Xaba

In February 2023, 20-year-old Ntokozo Mayenzi Xaba, a third-year Humanities student at the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), was at her off-campus residence in Pretoria Gardens when she was brutally murdered. She was found with multiple stab wounds to her upper body. Her ex-boyfriend, a junior rugby player named Ngcebo Ngcobo, was the last person seen with her after they had gone out together that evening. He was later arrested and charged with her murder. Students marched to the magistrate's court in their thousands, wearing university regalia and black clothing to demand "Justice for Ntokozo" and to call for better security and vetting for student housing.

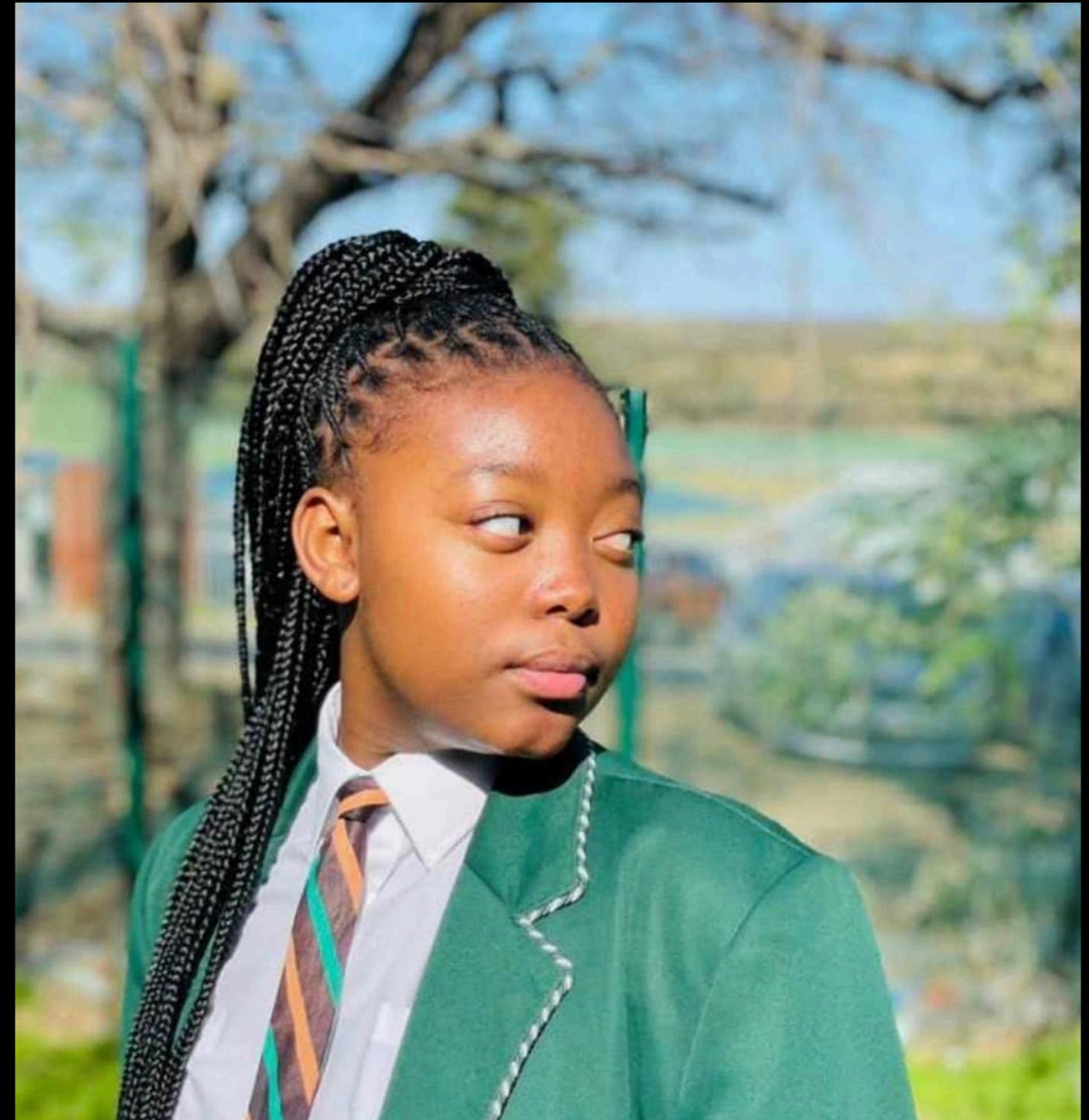
Ntokozo is remembered by her peers and family as a dedicated, brilliant student and a talented singer who was active in her local church. Her father, Mayenzi Xaba, expressed the family's total devastation, describing her as the "hope of the family" who was working hard to lift them out of poverty. Her legacy continues to fuel the fight for safer campuses in South Africa, and she is mourned as a young woman whose immense promise was stolen by the person she had once trusted.

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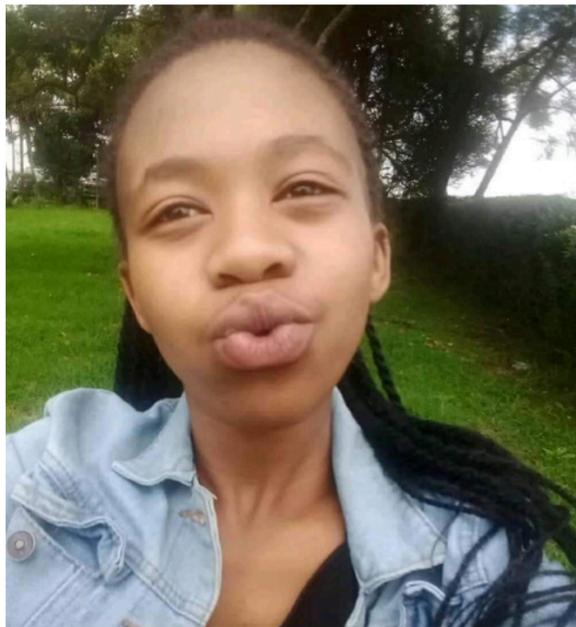
Unako Gcobo

In October 2022, Unako Gcobo, a 17-year-old from Ginsberg, Eastern Cape, was celebrating her birthday with friends. The day that should have marked a milestone in her young life turned into a tragedy when she and a friend were walking home from a party. They were ambushed and shot by unknown men in a senseless act of violence. Both Unako and her friend tragically lost their lives, and as of now, no arrests have been made, leaving a community searching for answers.

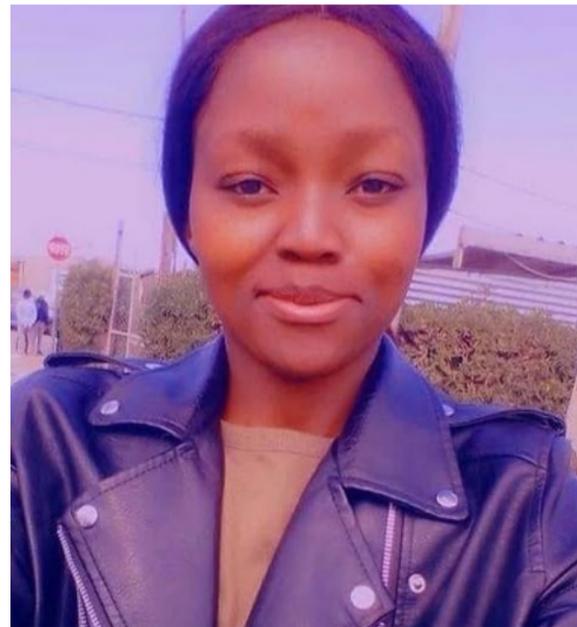
Unako is remembered by her family and schoolmates as a vibrant teenager who was full of life and dreams for her future. Her family described the "unimaginable cruelty" of losing her on the very day she was born, transforming a date of celebration into a permanent day of mourning. Her legacy continues to be upheld by those in her community who refuse to let her name be forgotten, demanding that justice be served for a young girl whose life was stolen before it could truly begin.



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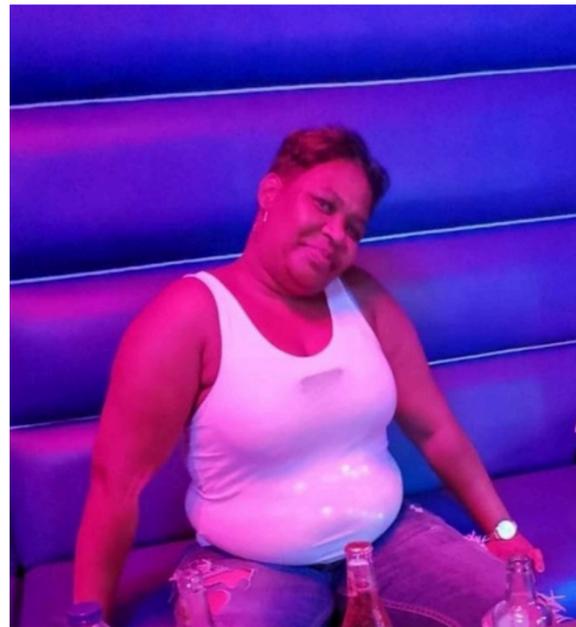
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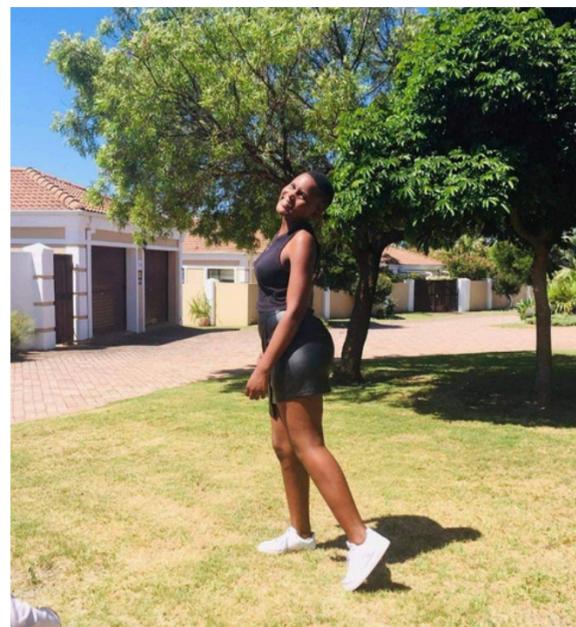
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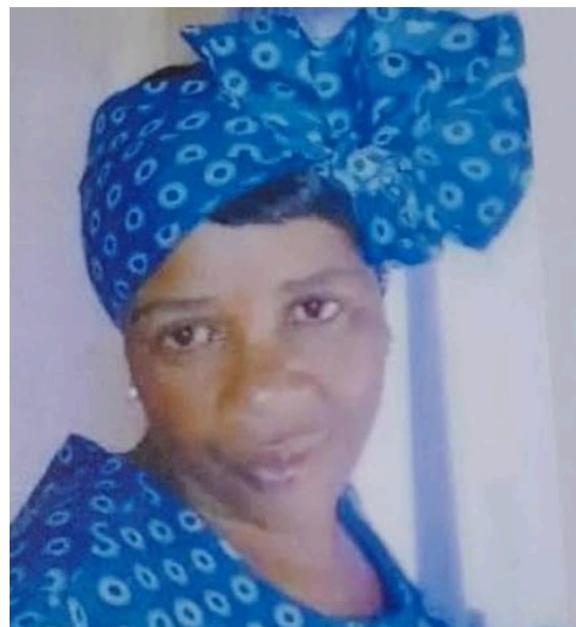
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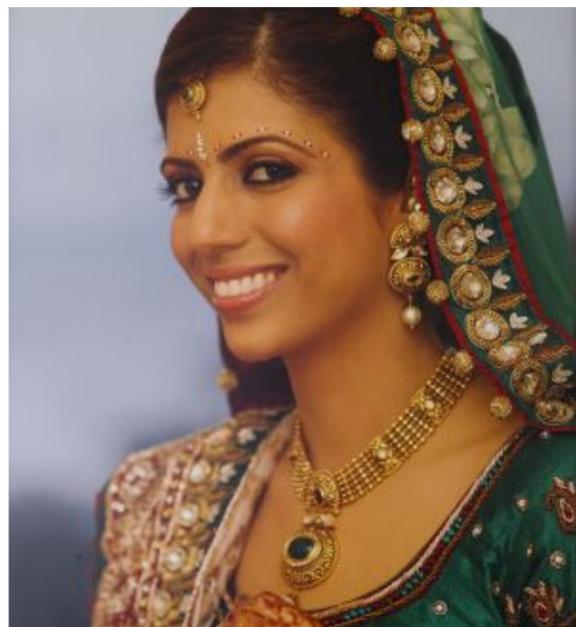
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Thobeka Msomi

In June 2022, 41-year-old Thobeka Msomi, a dedicated teacher from KwaXimba, KwaZulu-Natal, was at her home when she was targeted in a brutal act of domestic violence. She was shot in the head and killed by her husband, a police officer with the South African Police Service (SAPS). The scene was discovered in the most heartbreaking way: her own child, who had returned home during school lunch to ask for pocket money, found her lifeless body. Her husband was subsequently arrested and appeared in the Camperdown Magistrate's Court.

Thobeka is remembered as a passionate educator who was a pillar of her school and a devoted mother. Her colleagues described her as a woman of integrity and warmth who deeply loved her students.

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Rhucian-Kay Lawak

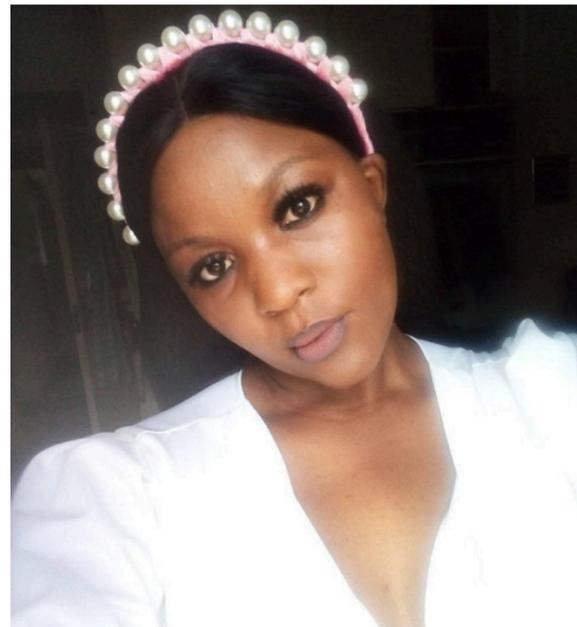
In September 2021, 28-year-old Rhucian-Kay Lawak, a mother from Kraaifontein, Cape Town, was at her home when she was subjected to a brutal and fatal attack. Her ex-boyfriend gained entry to the house and stabbed her multiple times, killing her in the presence of her family members. The perpetrator was subsequently arrested and faced charges for the murder, having turned a place of sanctuary into a scene of unimaginable violence.

Rhucian-Kay is remembered by her loved ones as a "vibrant and loving" mother who was completely devoted to her young child. Her family described the deep void left by her passing, mourning her as a kind soul whose life was stolen just as she was working toward a better future for herself and her family.

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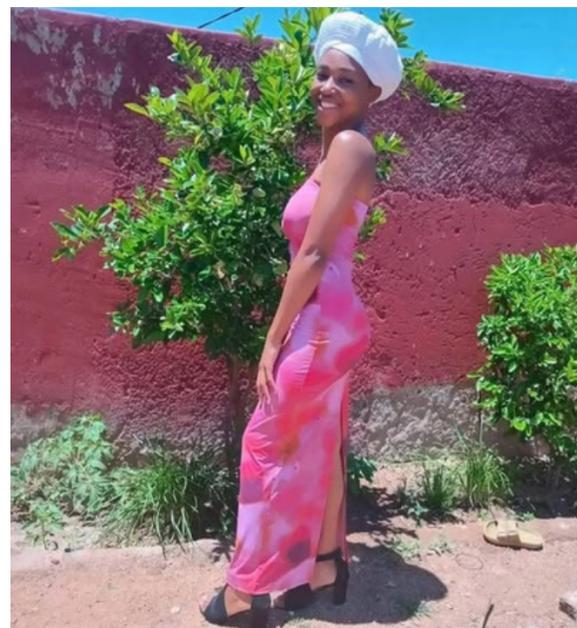
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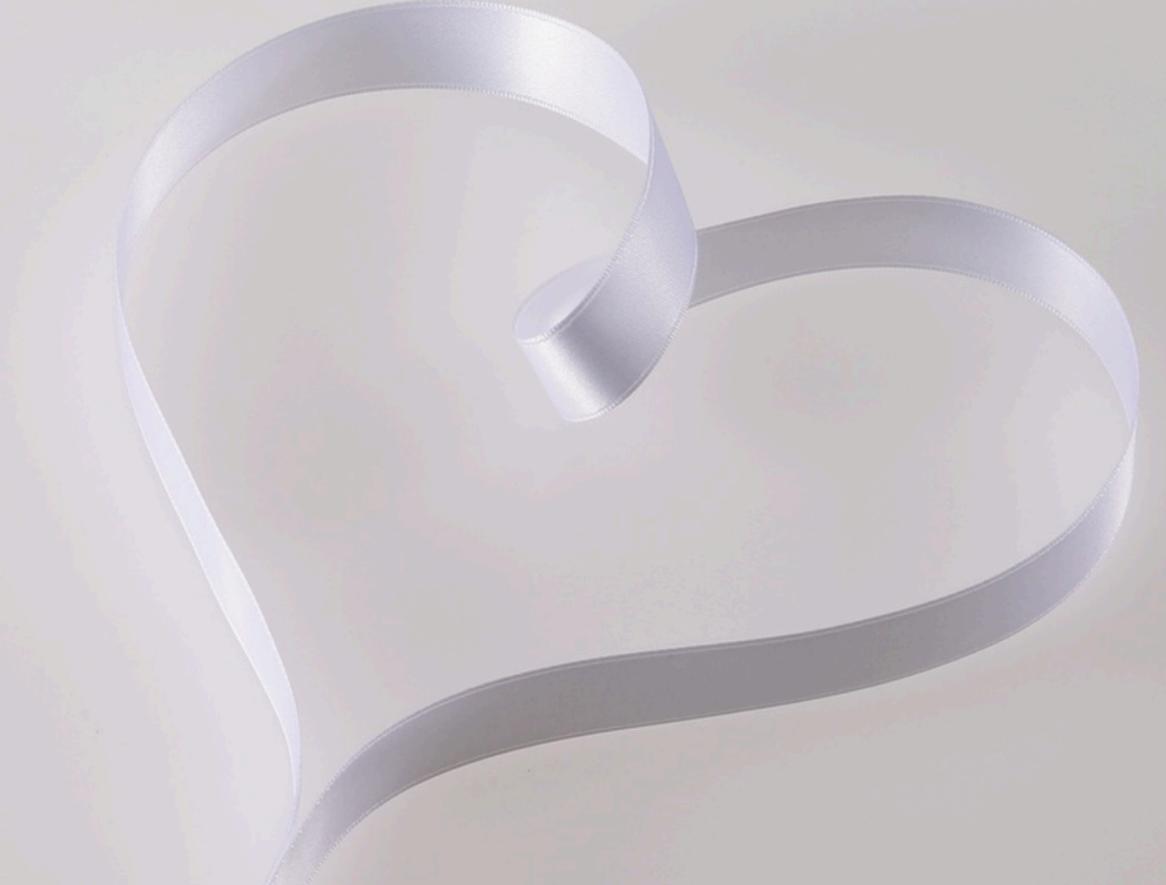
In September 2021, 31-year-old Thembani Mbali Jele, a dedicated police reservist attached to the Diepkloof Visible Policing Unit, was driving through the streets of Diepkloof, Soweto, with a male companion. In a brazen and violent ambush, her former lover—a taxi owner from Orlando East—approached their vehicle and opened fire. More than 15 shots were discharged in the attack, fatally wounding both Thembani and the man she was with. Following the double murder, the perpetrator fled to his home where he turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.



Cindy Mnguni

In August 2021, 29-year-old Cindy Mnguni, a young businesswoman originally from Newcastle but living in Gauteng, was tragically killed just one day after the country celebrated Women's Day. She was allegedly shot dead outside her home by her boyfriend. Cindy is remembered by her loved ones as a driven, responsible, and hardworking entrepreneur who sold cosmetics to support her family.

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Asemahle Mabetshe

In September 2022, 22-year-old Asemahle Mabetshe, from Cape Town, went missing after being last seen by her friends on a Sunday. The desperate search for her ended in tragedy the following day, Monday, September 12th, when her body was discovered in an open field near Nyanga. She had been brutally murdered and left in a secluded area, a discovery that shattered her family and left the community in a state of deep mourning.

Asemahle is remembered by her loved ones as a vibrant young woman who was the "heart and soul" of her friend group.

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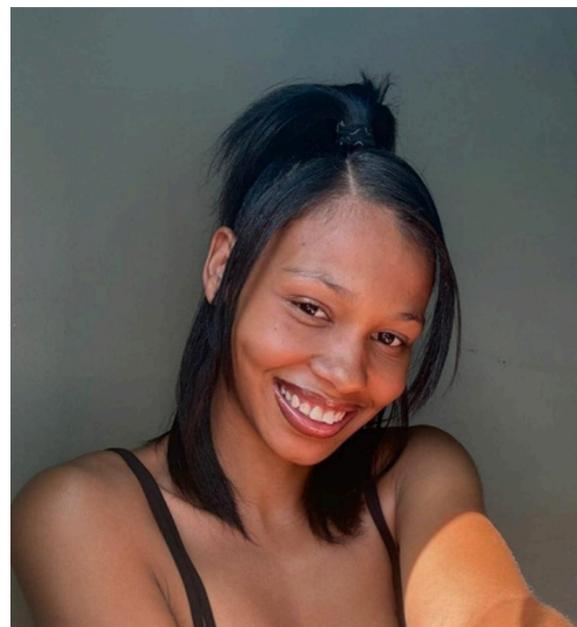
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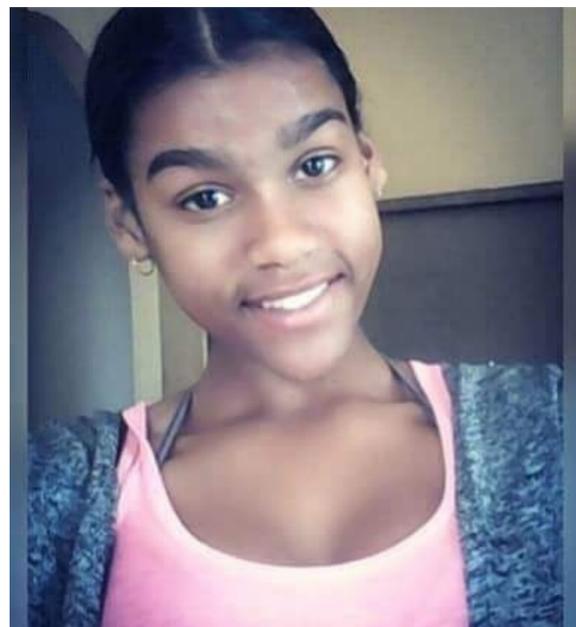
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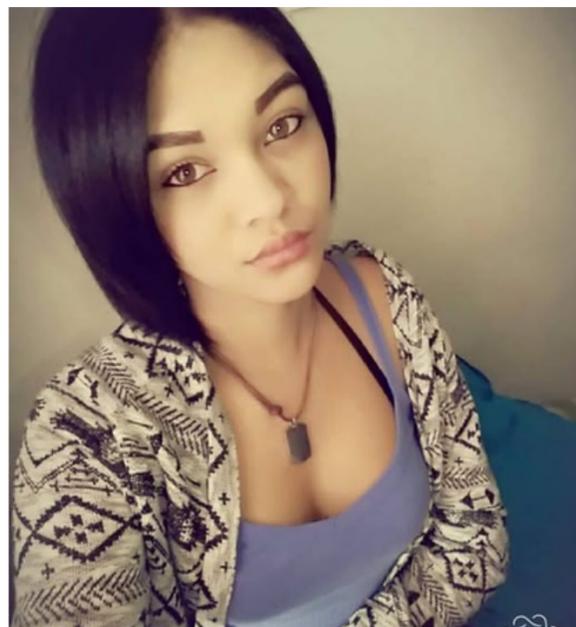
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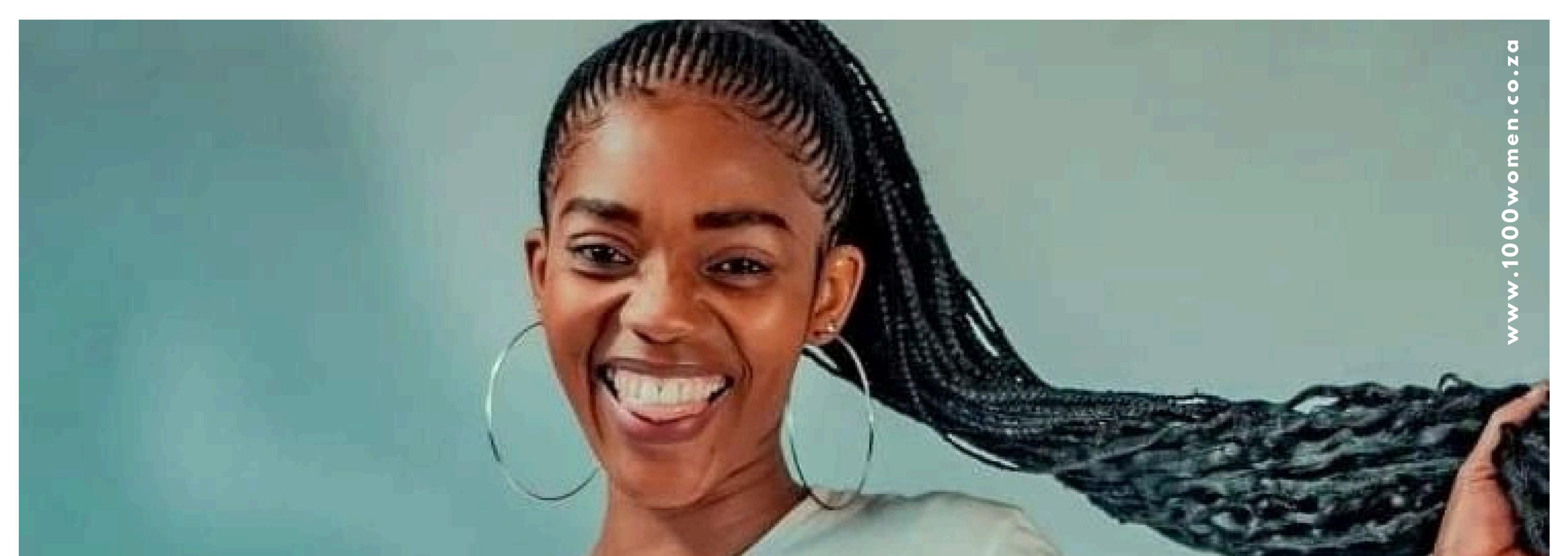


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Hombisa Nana Mafuduka

In March 2022, 30-year-old Hombisa "Nana" Mafuduka, a mother from Lusikisiki, Eastern Cape, was working her first contract as a crew member aboard the MSC Orchestra. On the final night of a cruise returning to Durban from Mozambique, she was found dead. The cruise line initially suggested she had died of natural causes after vomiting blood, but when her family travelled to Durban and fought for access to her body, they discovered she had a major head injury and a broken neck. A case shrouded in mystery and controversy, Hombisa's death ignited a firestorm of questions regarding safety and transparency on international waters. The tragedy sparked a #JusticeForHombisa campaign, with activists and the community demanding a thorough investigation into whether she had been crushed by a watertight door or if foul play was involved.

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Nontobeko Cele

In December 2024, 25-year-old Nontobeko Cele was at her home in Umzinto, KwaZulu-Natal, when she was subjected to a horrific and fatal attack. She was stabbed multiple times, allegedly by her fiancé, Sibusiso Lawrence Ntaka. In a chilling and modern display of cruelty, the perpetrator filmed a video confessing to the murder and posted graphic images of Nontobeko's lifeless body on social media before fleeing. His body was discovered shortly after, hanging from a tree in a suspected suicide.

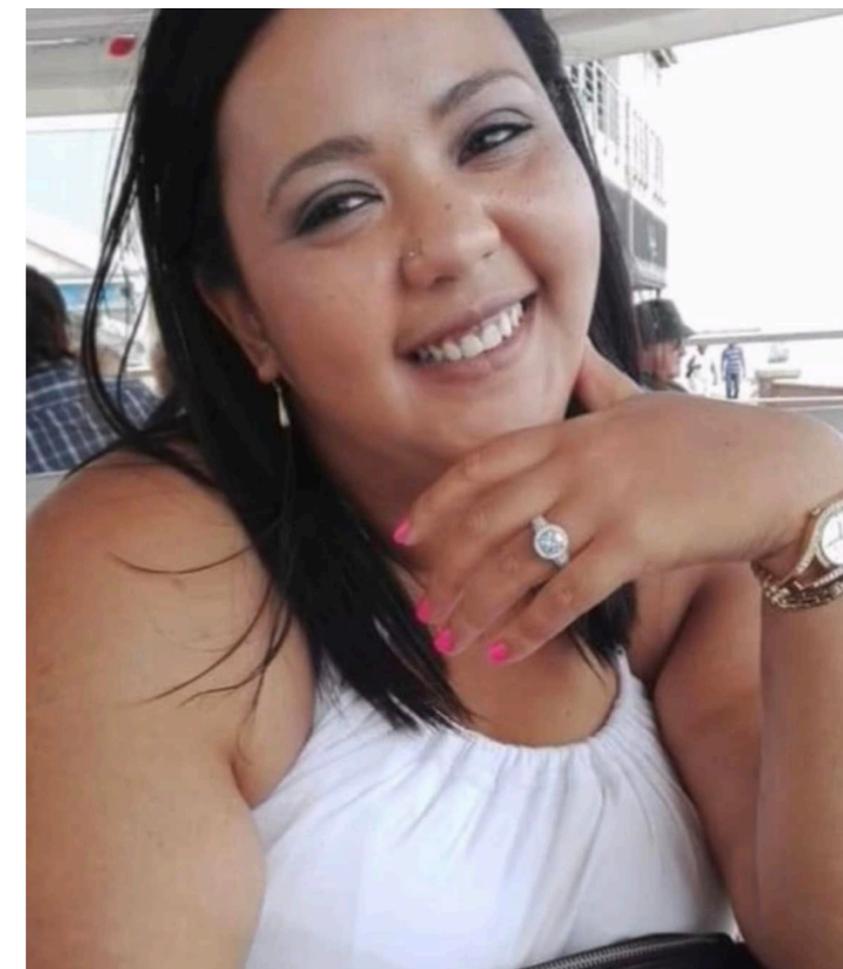
Nontobeko is remembered by her family and friends as a vibrant young woman whose life revolved around her young daughter.



Jabulile Nhlapo

In May 2018, 21-year-old Jabulile Nhlapo, a student at the University of South Africa (UNISA) and a recent Sedibeng College graduate, was at her student residence in Vanderbijlpark when she was shot and killed. The perpetrator, her ex-boyfriend Lebohlang Mofokeng, reportedly arrived at her commune on a Tuesday afternoon and carried out the attack. Mofokeng fled the scene but was arrested a day later after his own mother contacted the police, informing them that he had confessed the crime to her.

Her family described her as a woman with a promising future who was working hard to build a career.



Amy Peters

In October 2024, 34-year-old Amy Peters was at her home in Gqeberha, Eastern Cape, when she was subjected to a fatal attack. Her neighbors made a gruesome discovery on Monday, October 7th, when they found Amy deceased in her house with severe head injuries. In another part of the home, her husband was found dead, having taken his own life. It is believed that her husband beat her to death before he hung himself, leaving their community in a state of absolute shock.

Amy is remembered by her neighbours and friends as a kind and gentle woman.



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Rivoningo Angel Ngobeni



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