

South Africa: Justice for Noxolo

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Dear Colonel

We are writing with reference to case number 635/04/2011 – the murder of Noxolo Nogwaza in KwaThema.

In the early hours of 24 April 2011, 24-year-old Noxolo Nogwaza, was murdered on her way home from a night out with friends. Her attacker(s) raped, repeatedly beat and stabbed her before dumping her body in a drainage ditch. According to organisations spoken to by Amnesty International, Noxolo was targeted because of her sexual orientation. Since the time of her murder in April 2011 it appears that critical investigation steps were not been taken by the police, missing the opportunity to gather vital evidence. No progress has been made in investigating the case and bringing the perpetrators to justice. This failure increases the impact, for those who knew her, of the hate-motivated acts of violence and which led to her death.

We call on you to:

investigate Noxolo Nogwaza's death now;

provide regular updates to Noxolo Nogwaza's family and colleagues about the progress of the investigation.



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