



**Western Cape
Government**

GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE SUMMIT

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PROMINENT CASES



Uyinene Mrwetyana

Cape Town - Chilling evidence heard in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court about the brutal murder of UCT student Uyinene Mrwetyana - known as Nene - inside the Clareinch Post Office has shocked both students, university management and the postal services to their core.

The 42-year-old Post Office worker arrested on Friday faces charges of rape, murder and defeating the ends of justice. He appeared on Monday before Magistrate Goolam Bawa.

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Forms of Domestic Violence



Physical abuse



Harassment



Sexual abuse



Stalking



Emotional, verbal and psychological abuse



Damage to property



Economic abuse



Intimidation



any other controlling or abusive behaviour towards a complainant

ARE YOU A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

According to the Domestic Violence Act No. 116 of 1998, if you are in a domestic relationship with someone who is:

- Hurting you physically;
- Being sexually forceful or violent towards you;
- Hurting you emotionally or mentally;
- Controlling your money without your permission;
- Intimidating or scaring you;
- Harassing you;
- Stalking you;
- Damaging your property or belongings;
- Entering your house without permission; or
- Controlling to the point that it affects your health and wellbeing....

POLICE RESPONSE TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMPLAINT (1)

- On receiving the complaint, the SAPS member must ensure that he/ she gets enough information as possible about the incident.
- The police must respond to the complaint without any unreasonable delay.
- The police must inform you of your rights and the available solutions. In doing this, the police must give you a notice and explain it to you in your chosen language.
- If you want to lay a criminal charge, the police officer must open a docket and register it for investigation.
- The police officer should inform you of how to apply for a protection order.
- The police officer must help you find suitable medical treatment and a suitable shelter if needed.

POLICE RESPONSE TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMPLAINT (2)

- If any guns or dangerous weapons were used, these weapons must be taken and kept in police custody. If there is a gun in the home, the complainant can get a court order to remove the gun if they fear their life is in danger.
- The police can arrest anyone who disobeys a protection order, especially if someone's life is in danger.
- When a protection order is granted, the police officer must serve it without any unreasonable delay, as it can only protect you after your partner has received it .
- You can request a police officer to go with you to fetch any personal belongings.

ROLE OF DOCS / CIVILIAN SECRETARIAT FOR POLICE

1. **The Civilian Secretariat makes sure that the SAPS complies with the Domestic Violence Act no. 116 of 1998, and offers solutions for better service delivery. Directorate M&E does oversight visits/ police station inspections to monitor, with specific reference to the DVA:**

- Registers
- Protection Orders
- Samples on cases

2. **CPF Partnership:**

- Partnership Meetings
 - * include VEP as member organisation
 - * Encourage community to report abuse
- EPP – include visits to the Trauma Room
- Matching Grant Projects

COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE - DVA

- **SAPS Western Cape Complaints Nodal Point** @ tel+27 21 467 8411/4,
* Standby 082 469 7721,
* wcmi.complaintnodalpoint@saps.gov.za
- **Office of the Provincial Commissioner** +27 21 417 7100
- **SAPS National Complaints Line** @ tel. 0860 13 0860
- **Department of Community Safety** @ Tel +2721 483 4332
- **Western Cape Police Ombudsman** @ 021 483 0669,
ombudsman@wcpo.gov.za



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Thank you