



South Africa: LGBTI rights defender – Love is not a Crime

To: Colonel Petros Shilane, Station Commander, Tsakane Police Station

Dear Colonel Shilane

I am writing with reference to case number 635/04/2011 - the murder of Noxolo Nogwaza in KwaThema on 24 April 2011, a human rights defender who campaigned for the rights to equality and dignity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) individuals.

I am deeply concerned that more than two years after her death, no progress has been made in investigating, arresting, and bringing to justice the perpetrators of Noxolo Nogwaza’s murder. This failure increases the impact, for those who knew her, of the terrible acts of violence and hate which led to her death. This situation of impunity also places others at risk of harassment, discrimination and hate-motivated violence on the grounds of their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity; or because of their activism in defense of their right to equality and dignity.

I respectfully urge the Tsakane police to give their full attention to thoroughly investigating the death of Noxolo Nogwaza and provide regular feedback to her family and colleagues on their progress.

I thank you for your attention. Yours sincerely,

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Deutsch: Die LGBTI-Aktivistin Noxolo Nogwaza wurde vor zweieinhalb Jahren umgebracht, doch bis heute stecken die Ermittlungen fest. Dies ist Appell an den Polizeichef, der grassierenden homophoben und transphoben Gewalt Einhalt zu bieten, das Hassverbrechen aufzuklären und speziell in diesem Fall die Angehörigen über die Fortschritte der Ermittlung zu informieren.

Dieser Brief geht an den Polizeichef, Colonel Petros Shilane, Station Commander, Tsakane Police Station, P.O. Box 70364, Tsakane, 1548, South Africa, Fax: +27 11 363 5434

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