

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA calls for immediate intervention following discovery of body in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is concerned about the safety of women after a body was found in the Copesville in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal.

The PSA is outraged and saddened by the recent brutal killing of women with nine bodies of women being found around Kempton Park, Gauteng. The discovery of a body in Pietermaritzburg has once again sent shockwaves through communities across KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa.

South Africa continues to face an alarming crisis of gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide. Women and children remain disproportionately affected by violent crime, leaving families and communities shattered. The persistent rise in cases of abuse, sexual violence, disappearances, and murders demand an urgent coordinated response by law enforcement and society.

The PSA condemns this behaviour in the strongest possible terms. No woman should live in fear of violence, assault, or murder. Every life lost to GBV represents a devastating failure to protect the most vulnerable members of society.

The PSA calls on law enforcement agencies to conduct thorough investigations into these incidents and ensure that perpetrators are identified and arrested. The PSA also urges government, community leaders, civil-society organisations, faith-based institutions, and all citizens to strengthen efforts aimed at preventing violence against women. Increased visibility and response by police, effective prosecution of GBV offenders, and community awareness are critical interventions. The PSA stands in solidarity with the families of victims and remain united against violence with a commitment to building a society where women can live in safety and dignity.

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