

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA commends swift arrest by SAPS on the killing of Wits University student
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is saddened and outraged by the tragic killing of a Wits University student on 25 May 2025 in Johannesburg.

The PSA extends condolences to the family, friends, and the Wits University community during this difficult time. The death of Olorato Mongale calls on every South African to stand up against gender-based violence (GBV). The scourge of GBV has reached unacceptable levels, with the lives of women seeming to have no value. The PSA strongly condemns such senseless acts of violence. The safety and well-being of women is paramount, and such incidents undermine the tenets of democracy and rights enshrined in the Constitution. Addressing GBV is crucial for creating a safe, equitable, and inclusive society. South African women continue to live in fear despite numerous legislative enactments to ensure their safety.

The PSA commends the South African Police Service for the swift arrest of the suspect although two other suspects are still to be apprehended. The President has declared GBV and femicide as the country's second pandemic, which necessitates multisector participation and engagement to ensure these are eliminated. Members of the community are encouraged to cooperate with police officers by providing information that will lead to the arrests of these perpetrators.

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