

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA concerned about safety following shooting at Wynberg Magistrate's Court, Western Cape
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) strongly condemns the tragic fatal shooting of a state witness at the Wynberg Magistrate's Court, in the Western Cape on 8 April 2025.

The incident occurred on the fourth floor, outside Court D, and has raised serious concerns about security measures at the Court. Two staff members near the scene were fortunately not harmed. The trauma and fear amongst staff members are, however, palpable especially given that the weapon used in the shooting managed to bypass security protocols. Staff members were informed that the metal detector was defective only yesterday after the incident.

This is not an isolated incident, as similar occurrences have been reported at Wynberg and other Courts. The PSA emphasizes that the safety and well-being of Court staff and the public are of critical concern. The PSA maintains that a safe and healthy work environment is a fundamental Constitutional right. It is the responsibility of the Department of Justice to ensure robust and maintained safety measures. This incident underscores the pressing need for improved security protocols in South Africa's judicial system. The PSA has called on the Department to address this issue with urgency, ensuring that all necessary precautions are implemented to protect court staff and members of the public.

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