

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA in Limpopo mourns the loss of a dedicated GBV Ambassador
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is devastated by the tragic and senseless loss of one of its dedicated members, a passionate Maintenance Officer at the Mahwelereng Magistrate's Court in Mokopane in Limpopo, a committed ambassador in the fight against Gender-Based Violence (GBV). Her life was cruelly cut short by an act of violence, a heartbreaking reality that she worked tirelessly to prevent.

This remarkable public servant championed the rights of vulnerable children, ensuring that those neglected and abandoned found justice and support. Her colleagues described her as a beacon of hope, fighting for fairness with unwavering dedication and compassion. The PSA mourns not only the loss of a colleague but of a powerful advocate for families in crisis.

The PSA expresses grave concern over the lack of emotional and wellness support provided to employees by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. Public servants, especially frontline workers dealing with maintenance, domestic violence, and family law matters, face immense emotional strain, yet find little empathy from management. Instead of support, they are met with bureaucratic indifference, disciplinary threats, and disregard for their well-being.

This painful loss underscores the urgent need for intervention. The PSA calls on the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development to hold management in the Limpopo region accountable, to address the rampant mistreatment of employees, and to ensure that harassment and bullying within the workplace do not go unchecked. The PSA urges the Minister to introduce mandatory debriefing sessions for frontline staff, ensuring that those dealing with deeply distressing public cases receive the emotional support they deserve.

The fight against GBV cannot end with words alone. It requires action, accountability, and unwavering commitment both to the victims and to those who dedicate their lives to supporting them. The PSA stands firm in its call for justice and in honouring the memory of its fallen member, vows to continue the fight against gender-based violence and workplace injustice.

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