

SOUTH AFRICA

Noxolo Nogwaza



RAPED AND MURDERED FOR LGBTI ACTIVISM

Noxolo Nogwaza was a 24-year-old mother and activist for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) rights, living openly as a lesbian woman in the KwaThema township near Johannesburg. In the early hours of 24 April 2011, Easter Sunday, she was murdered on her way home from a night out with friends. Her attacker(s) raped and repeatedly beat her – apparently because of her sexual orientation – before dumping her body in a drainage ditch. To date, no progress has been made in the investigation into her murder and her killer(s) remain at large. The apparent indifference that the police have shown towards investigating her murder reflects pervasive homophobic attitudes in the wider society.

+ www.amnesty.org.uk/noxolo



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‘Noxolo was loved for being a mother, friend, soccer player and activist. She will never be forgotten by her loved-ones’

Ekurhuleni Pride Organising Committee, an organisation in KwaThema that aims to empower and inform LGBTI people and combat hate crimes

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

The Nogwaza Family
c/o Amnesty International
3 on Glenhove, Melrose Estate
Johannesburg 2196
South Africa



+ **Language:** English

+ **Salutation:** Dear Nogwaza Family

+ **Suggested message:** Our very best wishes are with you. We wish your whole family strength. I am thinking of you and send you my best wishes. Your friend from Amnesty

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- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
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SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Write to: Colonel Petros Shilane
Station Commander, Tsakane Police Station
P.O. Box 70364
Tsakane
1548
South Africa

Fax: 00 27 11 363 5434

Salutation: Dear Colonel

In your letter: Mention case number 635/04/2011. 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.

