

BASHED TO DEATH

Residents claim cops are culprits

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The Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD) is investigating a case in which a Sebokeng resident and community activist was allegedly beaten to death by police.

This follows accusations by the community that Jan Matshobe, 27, whose body was found on Thursday morning last week in an open veld in Zone 20, was allegedly beaten with golf clubs and batons by a number of police officers.

The incident followed a protest in the area where residents were demanding a response to a memorandum handed to the Emfuleni local municipality for better service delivery on March 10.

Matshobe was one of the activists who was very vocal against poor service delivery. One of the Tuesday's march organisers, Patrick Sindane said Matshobe was assaulted in full view of fellow protesters.

Sindane alleged that Matshobe was arrested after the beating but was later released. He saw a doctor on Wednesday morning.

"He was rearrested in the evening and was last seen alive with the arresting officers. The same officers were the ones who discovered his lifeless body the following day,"



GRIEVING: Maria Sikhosana holding a picture of her deceased son Jan Matshobe.

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said Sindane.

Several other residents who were also arrested claimed they witnessed the alleged beating.

Police spokesman Captain Keke Motsiri said they were probing a case of murder. He said the matter had been referred to the ICD directorate.

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL COHESION AND THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The Minister of Education has established a Ministerial Committee to investigate all forms of discrimination on the basis of race, language, sexual orientation and gender to make appropriate recommendations for social cohesion. The T

The Ministerial Committee is chaired by Prof Siphosiso Mkhondo, Deputy Minister of Education, and includes Wynomia Mchale, Minister of Education, and

In pursuance of its mandate, the Committee will receive submissions from individuals, institutions and organisations on the extent of discrimination in public higher education institutions.

The closing date for submissions is 30 April 2008.

The Secretariat of the Ministerial Committee is located at the Department of Education, Room 534, 123 Schoeman Street, Sol Plaatje House, Private Bag X895, Pretoria 0001.

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Residents protest!

By RIFUMO MALULEKE

UNHAPPY Orlando East residents were picketing outside municipal offices yesterday.

Soweto Concerned Residents said they are totally against the installation of pre-paid water meters in their homes.

Cops were called in to monitor the situation.

Soweto Concerned Residents' chairman, Simon Mthembu told *Daily Sun*: "We gave a memorandum to the municipality two years ago, telling them why we don't want the pre-paid water meters."

"The municipality wants to introduce meters in our area even though we don't want them. We won't tolerate it," said Mthembu.

The residents blamed Councilor Ruby Mathang for being behind the whole idea.

Mathang said: "We respect the views of the people, but we will continue with the installation of the meters."

"Poor people will get 10 000 free litres of water in their houses."

"When there is a funeral or wedding, people will get additional 4 000 litres of water," Mathang said.

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