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### **STATEMENT: GREYTOWN INCIDENT**

The Provincial Department of Health can confirm that an incident involving two patients at Greytown Hospital took place on 5 July 2005. The incident resulted in the death of a patient. According to information received from staff members who were present at the time of the incident, the police were called in however they could not prevent the patient from assaulting the other. A police case was opened and the matter is being investigated by the police. The department is to launch an internal investigation. The department views this incident as highly and unfortunate and we send deepest condolences to the family of the deceased.

ENDS.

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**SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER: HEALTH SERVICES  
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