

MEDIA STATEMENT
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KZN Health MEC visits the family of deceased forensic pathology services officer to pay his respect

KWAZULU-NATAL Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, has paid his respects to the bereaved family of Ms Nonhlanhla Nxumalo, the 39 year-old forensic pathology officer who was murdered allegedly by her jilted ex-lover in Clermont, Durban, on Wednesday (25 November 2015).

Speaking from the Nxumalo family home in the Northdale area, Pietermaritzburg, today, an emotional Dr Dhlomo said Ms Nxumalo's murder had come as a shock, having occurred on the same day that South Africa began the campaign of 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children.

An air of grief and sorrow was palpable at the Nxumalo home during the MEC's visit, as some of Ms Nxumalo's family members and colleagues wept openly.

Dr Dhlomo, who recently graduated with a Diploma in Forensic Pathology Services, said Ms Nxumalo had been one of the people who assisted him while he pursued his studies.

"She played a big role in helping me with my studies. She was a very bright, hard-working and committed staff member. We are very saddened by what has happened. We are here to lend support, as we recognize the family that her loved ones are going through a tough time."

Ms Nxumalo's aunt, Ms Lotsho Magwaza said: "This is a very difficult time, and we are deeply hurt. But we thank the MEC for having made time to come and see us. We leave everything else in God's hands."

Ms Nxumalo's funeral is scheduled to be held in the Mpongosi area, in Nkandla, next weekend.

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