

# KZN loses yet another worker

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health has lost yet another health professional. This follows the deaths of health professionals in the public health sector such as that of the medical student who was laid to rest last week after allegedly committing suicide whilst studying in Cuba.

Nkululeko William Vilanculos (34) was enrolled in community service in Dannhauser Community Health Centre (CHC) after completing his studies at Ngwelezane Hospital, near Empangeni. He was expected to graduate with a group of professional nurses on the 12th of October in Pietermaritzburg.

Vilanculos had allegedly gone to the Chelmsford dam for a picnic with a group of friends and colleagues on Saturday (16 September). Spokesperson for the KZN Department of Health and the family, Sam Mkhwanazi, said, "It is alleged that when they arrived at the dam, he broke from the group saying he wanted to go and swim. His friends were later alerted by other revellers that he had disappeared in the dam."

Attempts by search and rescue teams were unfortunately fruitless on Saturday, however, Vilanculos' body was recovered by the South African Police Service (SAPS) the next day (17 September).

The deceased is survived by his mother, three siblings and three daughters, aged (17), (13) and (10), who are now orphaned as their mother demised before their father's passing.