

# Alleged murderer accused of hijacking Yeoville house

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Wisani and other ANCYL leaders won't budge, says homeowner

Patrick Wisani, a former community police forum (CPF) member and an ANC Youth League (ANCYL) leader has been accused of illegally occupying the house in which he allegedly sjaembokked his girlfriend to death.

Former ANC MP Sisa Njikelana said his Yeoville house had been hijacked by the same people he'd employed to assist him in removing other illegal occupants. These included Wisani, who is the chairman of the ANCYL's Joburg Inner

City branch, and Simphiwe Naki, the deputy chairman of the Joe Slovo branch.

Both are former Yeoville CPF members.

Wisani allegedly beat Nosipho Mandloleni, 24, to death with a sjambok and a broomstick last month.

Njikelana said he bought the house in 1994, and when he moved to East London four years later, he rented it out through an estate agent.

"The agent left South Africa and never informed me. The person who was there defaulted

a couple of times and then just left. The next thing I was told there were illegal occupants."

In November 2013, Njikelana decided he'd had enough and wanted to sell the house.

He approached Yeoville CPF members to assist him in evicting the illegal occupants.

Among them was Wisani, who at the time was the chairman of a sector of the Yeoville CPF, and Naki, who was the CPF's deputy chairman.

They evicted the illegal occupants but then moved in and refused to give a potential

buyer access to the house.

"I was shocked. These people are supposed to be my comrades and part of the CPF. The most painful is (that they) are ANC members. My own ANC."

What followed has been years of fighting.

"All of a sudden, they started demanding money."

But Njikelana says he never agreed to pay them for helping him and claims that his pleas for the police to intervene fell on deaf ears.

The Star has seen two letters which Njikelana sent to

Yeoville police asking for assistance in removing the illegal occupants.

But the station's Constable Thabo Malatji said Njikelana was told to open a case.

"For a case to be investigated, the owner must register a case with the police. The guy was advised to open a case docket," he said.

Numerous attempts to get hold of Wisani for comment have been unsuccessful. At one stage, a man claiming to be his brother answered the phone and said Wisani didn't want

to comment.

Naki confirmed that they had been asked to assist in removing illegal occupants.

"When (Njikelana) was supposed to give us back what he promised us, he was playing duck and dive. Our agreement was to (let us) stay in the house until he decided what to do with the property. (We thought), if you want to be arrogant with us, let us stay."

Gauteng ANCYL spokeswoman Mbali Hlophe said the organisation wasn't aware that Wisani and Naki have been occupying the house illegally.

She said the league didn't support property hijacking.



UNDER DISPUTE: The house where the ANCYL's Patrick Wisani allegedly killed his girlfriend and has been living without permission.

## Show of support to back miners' law suit

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Richard Sqhamo Hoyi toiled for 27 years in the mines until he contracted silicosis.

Today, he finds it difficult to walk long distances as a result of the terminal disease.

The 57-year-old Hoyi, from Peddie in the Eastern Cape, was among the silicosis-stricken mineworkers who joined the march against the mining companies yesterday.

The march was led by Section27, the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) and Sonke Gender Justice.

The three organisations demonstrated in support of the mineworkers' case currently unfolding in the high court in Joburg.

Hoyi spoke of his plight through an interpreter. Normally, silicosis makes it difficult for him to walk long distances. But luckily, yesterday's march moved slowly enough so that he was able to keep up.

He said if they won the case, he would feel free from the burden of the disease because silicosis made it difficult for him to look after his children, and it was his biggest worry. He has daughters aged 21, 16 and 12.

Bongani Radebe, a demonstrator with the TAC, said: "If the man is affected, the wife is affected and the children are affected."

At least 400 people – their



STREET PROTEST: Members of the Treatment Action Campaign, Section27 and Sonke Gender Justice march in Joburg yesterday in a protest highlighting the issue of miners suffering from silicosis and TB.

T-shirts' colours representing three different organisations – united by donning white mining helmets and marching together in support of the mineworkers. This was as the class certification hearing by their legal team entered its second day.

The march began in Newtown and stopped twice in Marshall Street, once at the offices of Anglo American, a mining company involved in the case, and once at the Chamber of

Mines, before arriving at the high court.

"The mining companies are profiting with the lives of our people," said Sibongile Tshabalala, the TAC's Gauteng chairwoman, as she bellowed into a microphone from the back of a flatbed truck.

"It has to stop now. They have to take care of the miners while they're making profits off them."

Many held signs with mes-

"The people who dug the gold are dying from it"

companies. The signs read "Dear goldmines, apartheid is over" and "Exploited. Damaged. Discarded. #silicosis."

As they passed the Anglo American offices, the marchers formed into rows and held hands.

"You killed our miners," one man yelled before the group erupted in song.

"Senzeni na (What have we done?)," they sang.

Mark Heywood, the director of Section27, said his organisation supported the miners because it stood for the right to health and helping the poor get access to justice.

"This country is built on gold, but the people who dug the gold are dying from it."

"Silicosis and tuberculosis are among the biggest health crises in the country."

Heywood said most of the mineworkers lived in rural areas where getting the treatment they need was difficult.

The three organisations were due to continue presenting arguments today. The miners' lawyers are scheduled to take over tomorrow.



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### ZELDA VENTER

FOUR EFF members from North West serving lengthy jail terms for the murder of ANC regional secretary David Chika are to remain behind bars pending their appeal against conviction.

Former EFF chief whip Papiki Babuile, ward councillor Itumeleng Molebatsi, EFF field worker William Malefo and Bennet Kadi, a taxi

### EFF killers' bail bid is denied

owner, turned to the high court in Pretoria for an order to be released on bail pending their appeal to a full Bench (three judges) of this court. The four claim they are innocent and believe they would be freed once their appeal was heard.

Babuile was earlier sentenced to an effective 15-year jail term and Molebatsi to 18 years, while Malefo and Kadi each received a life term.

This was for their part in the killing of Chika, an ANC regional leader, who was shot dead at his Klerksdorp home two days before the ANC elective conference began in Mangaung in 2012.

The four were heavily guarded in court. Their application was rejected.

## Numsa slams tribunal call

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THE NATIONAL UNION of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa) claims the ANC's renewed calls for a media appeals tribunal are motivated by a need to hide corruption.

The union said yesterday its second march against corruption today was because it was "on an offensive against new liberal policies espoused by the ANC government".

The ruling party resolved at its national general council meeting at the weekend that Parliament should be requested to assess the "feasibility and desirability" of a media appeals tribunal.

The controversial policy was first suggested during the ANC's Polokwane conference in 2007, and has faced opposition from several sections of society.

"There is a looming threat, which is the setting up of a media tribunal."

"We want to suggest the strong call for a media tribunal is informed by the fact that everything must be done to hide corruption, so that the media cannot report on the Hitachis and Chancellor Houses of this world benefiting

from state projects," Numsa deputy general secretary Karl Cloete said in Joburg.

The union would also be marching against job losses, especially in the metal and mining sectors, where workers have been hardest hit.

Numsa and civil society held anti-corruption marches across the country last month. But this time around, workers will be allowed to participate in the protests as permission from the National Economic Development and Labour Council has been obtained on time.

"Therefore, every worker is allowed to participate. No employer can take any disciplinary action or dismiss a worker for taking part in this historic and unprecedented action."

"The main march will take place in Johannesburg," the union said in a statement.

Cloete said: "The fact that we have very serious levels of unemployment, poverty, inequality and corruption in our society makes the point that we have got to pick up the battle against what we see as the ANC's new liberal programmes in the economy, in social life and at other levels."

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