

**BREAKING NEWS: Lesbian is brutally killed in Ventersdorp**

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Iranti-org has just received news that on the 15 August, a young Lesbian known as Gift, from Ventersdorp in the North West Province was brutally murdered, raped, she was strangled with a wire around throat, and her perpetrator forced a hose-pipe into her mouth, forcing water into her body. Her neighbour found water running in his yard and discovered Gift's body. She lived with her family in Extension 2.

"These heinous crimes have to end. Our government must invest in public education programmes aimed at changing public attitudes towards people who are Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Intersex. These hate crimes continue in silence from the state, the Hate Crimes Task Team needs to upscale its work." Says Jabu Pereira, director of Iranti-org an LGBTI human rights organization.

The perpetrator has been arrested.

Iranti-org could not reach the investigating officer, Coetsee at the time of making this enquiry.

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