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**The trial of Thembelihle Sokhele, a lesbian woman from Daveyton,
finally goes to the Pretoria High Court**

The case of Thembelihle's murder will commence at the Pretoria High Court from **Monday 27 to Friday 31 July**. Thembelihle Sokhela, a 28-year old lesbian woman from Daveyton was murdered on 14 September 2014. She was found wrapped in a blanket and thrown behind her perpetrator's bed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezYcfLNylNA&feature=youtu.be>

Iranti-org in partnership with LGBTI CBOs, human rights groups and faith-based organisations in Johannesburg will continue providing support to the family and highlight the issues of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Iranti -org continues to demand hate crime legislation that recognises the role of sexual orientation and Gender Identity as a motive in these crimes. We will gather outside the court, demanding a fair and speedy trial and that justice must be served. These heinous acts of violence must stop and we demand better policing and investigations in such crimes.

About Iranti-org:

Iranti-Org is a lesbian and transgender visual media organisation established in 2012. It works within a human rights framework to raise issues of sexual orientation and gender identities. To date, Iranti-org has documented hate crimes and human rights violations across South Africa.

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