

# PORTIA TERRORIZES MEN IN STANDERTON

Dumisane Ngubeni got a phone call to his death Khanyisa Staff Reporter

One lady has allegedly made the small town of Standerton in Mpumalanga a ghost town where certain people say that they have to keep watch of their backs all the time. Being accused of having hired the services of Dumisane Ngubeni and others to murder her late husband, only known as Mr. Sithathu, a former teacher at Azalia Combined School in Mahala Park, she is said to have solicited the services of another gang among them Motsamai, to kill Dumisane for demanding payment for services rendered.

“Portia deserves to rot in custody, she’s a killer she killed her husband and hurt our family. She doesn’t deserve to be in the community. It is better if she stays in jail. Our brother (Mr. Sithathu) had wounds on his head which shows that he was beaten, probably to death, before they hanged him to clear the evidence of the initial assault” said one of Sithathu’s brothers who spoke on anonymity. He added that the height at which Mr. Sithathu was found hanging, it was impossible for anyone to hang himself. Mr Sithathu was found hanging in February 2012.

Portia Tsotetsi, who was married to the late Mr Sithathu, had allegedly hired Dumisane Ngubeni, Vergie Dube and Motsamai Nhlapo to assassinate her husband because they had fallen out of love and she wanted to cash out on the after death payouts. She is said to have promised pay them R30,000 after the job had been done, but only managed to pay R10,000. Dumsani had then started to demand his payment and had apparently told Portia that she would pay him until his death, a statement that is said to have prompted Portia to plot his immediate death. Some witnesses that had seen Motsamai and others beating up Dumisane had been threaten by Motsamai telling them that they must leave them to do

their work, and afterwards Portia had approached them and threatened them saying that some people were going to die if they did not leave this case. One of Dumisane’s nephews, speaking from outside the court, said that Dumisane’s body was found with a big hole at the back of his neck. He added that Dumisane’s body was found wrapped in a duvet cover with muthi that looks like dagga inside the duvet.

Apparently the Sithathu family believes that the post mortem on the late Sithathu was too haphazard and money exchanged hands. Now they want the body exhumed as early as next week to redo the post mortem so that they can satisfy themselves. Sidudla Sithathu, a sister to the late Sithathu, could not hold her tears and demanded justice.

Smangele Ngubeni, a sister to Dumisane, said that Dumisane had received a call from Portia on the 23rd May 2012 asking him to come over to her house. This was the last time they saw him until they picked up his dead body from Lekwa River. “Portia is used to killing. It is not the first time. She paid Dumisane to kill her husband, Mr Sithathu, and now she has killed my brother and is threatening all the people who witnessed the murder of Dumsani” said Smangele. “They are used to engaging the services of a sangoma each time they commit murder to cleanse themselves. This time, they got it wrong because Dumisane is Nkomo, Ngubeni, Mazodwa. He fights from the grave! This is why they have been caught” added Smangele.

Outside the court, the community complained that the police seem to love money because many cases that have been opened with them end up with lost dockets. They are afraid that this could be one of the cases where the dockets could go missing.

Portia, speaking from inside the jail cell is said to have asked on of her visitors to bring her rat poison because she wants to kill herself. Fireman, one of the neighbours to Dumisane thinks that this could be one of her tricks and the poison might be used on someone else instead.

Portia’s grandmother, who is alleged to have assisted in cleaning the blood and evidence after the murder of Mr. Ngubeni is reported to be still on the run. Gogo is said to have set alight Dumsani’s clothes and cellphone to destroy the evidence. Standerton police are still looking for Portia’s granny. Portia’s house has since been attacked by some community members after the death of Dumisane.

When Khanyisa first came across the story on Wednesday 6 June 2012, the case was postponed to Monday 11 June as the court was waiting for Motsamai’s lawyer. Motsamai is said to be the owner of a 1400 blue bakkie that that is reported to have transported Dumsani’s body to Lekwa River. Motsamai has been Portia’s boy friend as far back as when Mr. Sithathu was still alive. On the 11 of June the bail application was postponed to 09 July 2012.

There are now suspicions that Portia has actually been involved in the killing of more people as some community members report that another teacher, Kunene, went missing some time back and where Dumisane’s body was found, that is where Kunene’s spare wheel had been found. Kunene is still missing.

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DEVASTATED: Sidudla Sithathu and Brother could not hold back their sorrow.



UPSET: Smangele Ngubeni (Red Hat) would have preferred for the law to take its course.



PACKED: The court was packed with community members who came to hear for themselves if bail would be granted or not