

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: BOYFRIEND PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER OF HIS GIRLFRIEND**

A 19 year-old man from Naudeville in Welkom was yesterday sentenced to 15 years imprisonment after he pleaded guilty of murder of his 21 year-old girlfriend. Obed Leshoro pleaded guilty for killing Naledi Lethoba on 19 May 2019.

In a plea agreement that was read by his lawyer before Judge Corne van Zyl, Leshoro stated that he visited Lethoba on the day of the incident and confronted her after suspecting that she is cheating on him. She admitted that she was having other affairs and Leshoro got angry and left.

Later that day, Leshoro took his father's bakkie and called the deceased telling her that he is coming to see her. He picked the deceased up from her home and drove away with her. He stopped the car at a quiet neighbourhood. An argument ensued between the accused and the deceased.

The accused then took a knife and stabbed the deceased in the chest. The deceased grabbed the knife but the accused managed to get it back. He stabbed the deceased again and left a knife stuck in her neck. He put the body of the deceased in the back of the bakkie and drove to a petrol station to buy petrol.

He drove to an open field in Dagbreek where he cut off her breast, hid the body in the bushes and set it alight. About 10 days after the incident, he confessed to his father and he took him to the police station where he was arrested.

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