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A WOMAN WAS WOUNDED AND KILLED BY HER PARTNER

MEC for the Department of Social Development, Honourable Motshidise Koloï, has learnt with shock and sadness about the brutal killing of Thandi Joyce Mosotho of Botshabelo, Section D on Saturday, 2 September 2023.

The 35 year – old mother was murdered, allegedly by her boyfriend, in the presence of her six year – old son. Mosotho’s death is the latest in a long list of women who have lost their lives, allegedly at the hands of their romantic partners. MEC Koloï is particularly incensed because the department has held numerous awareness campaigns in the province in an effort to combat Gender Based Violence.

MEC Koloï has conveyed her condolences to the Mosotho family and also announced that the department has dispatched officials and Social Workers to visit the home of the victim to provide psycho-social support. She further added that Botshabelo has had similar cases in the past, the recent being the killing of Dolly Lebetse of Section A, who was doused with petrol and set alight and later succumbed to her injuries. Lebetse too, was killed in the presence of her child and allegedly by her boyfriend.

“The Department will intensify its fight against this pandemic and calls upon anyone with information to assist the police to ensure the successful prosecution of the suspect and is accordingly handed a harsh sentence,” said MEC Koloï.

The suspect was arrested on Sunday, 03 September 2023.

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