

PETITION

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Free State Legislature, in Legislature, assembled:

The petition of the undersigned

Sergeant K.J. Gongxeka
10 Pappa Brits Street
Tempe Military Base

Respectfully states that

1. I was initially integrated in the SANDF in 1998 as a nurse, at Pretoria Head Quarters. I was later transferred to Tempe 3 Military Hospital.
2. I was to receive a house at the married quarters complex in Tempe when I arrived as per agreement with the transferring Pretoria Head Quarters. I however received resistance when I requested such because the quarters were allegedly reserved for white military personnel.
3. I then declared my intention to report this matter to Head Quarters. At this stage, I was forcibly taken to Oranje Hospital because the Social Worker declared that I am mad. My son was sent to Welfare.
4. After spending three months at Oranje Hospital, I was discharged and went back to work and requested leave. I left secretly to Pretoria, Head Quarters, and related the events to General Radebe. He called Tempe and gave instruction that I should be given a house, such instruction on my return was acceded to and I'm to date still in occupation of the allocated dwelling.
5. After some few months, people were called and encouraged to take early retirement packages. I was also at some later stage called to do the same but I refused because I did not apply for such. I was infact on a contract that expires in March 2008.
6. On my way to work I fell ill and was diagnosed with pneumonia. Rumours were circulating that one cleaner, was spreading information that I have AIDS. I went to report same to matron who later referred me to Officer Command, Mr. Cronje. He inturn referred me to Dr. Hewell who suggested that I take sick-leave because I'm paranoid. The inquiry lacked objectivity because it was clear that people they called ganged up against me.
7. After another forced sick-leave with a view that I should be referred to Medical Board, I was requested to sign for approval before the Board convened but I refused because the very Board comprised of people who had already declared that I am mentally unfit to continue working and as such there would never be any just outcome.
8. After repeated attempts to make me appear before the board I was perpetually put on sick-leaves. Everytime the sick-leave expired I would be assigned to SANDU's (union) representative to accompany me to work because I was not allowed to enter work premises because it was alleged I was intimidating my colleagues.
9. I then referred the matter to outside lawyers for assistance who then advised that I consult an independent opinion and assessment. I went to Johannesburg Hospital who in turn phoned Tempe for an update. On the strength of the advice from Tempe, I was sent to Sterkfontein and was

Wherefore your petitioner requests that the Honourable Legislature will be pleased to take this case into consideration and to take such action and / or grant such relief as it may deem fit.

Clonaxela
(Signature of petitioner)

Signed on 4 TH Day of APRIL 2007

MR. K.N. MAJOLA
MAJOLA ATTORNEYS
BLOEMFONTEIN

REF: SERGEANT KEEMANG JOYCE GONGXELA

Dear Mr. Majola

Thank you for referring Sgt Gongxela for my assessment for the presence of mental illness.

HISTORY

Sgt Gongxela is a 35-year-old male, who has been employed by the Ministry of Health for 25 years. The employer wants to terminate her employment before her desired retirement date.

The employer is colluding with the Ministry Psychologist, Dr. Howell, as well as Johannesburg General Hospital Psychiatric doctors, and Stendron Hospital.

The patient was admitted at Stendron Hospital for four months.

COLLATERAL INFORMATION

As per patient's wishes, no collateral information was obtained from the colleagues who have previously treated the patient. The information obtained from the patient's son, Peter, as well as the patient's sister, Olga, was that the patient is mentally well.

A discharge summary from Stendron Hospital provided by the patient revealed the following:

- Diagnosis: ? HIV induced psychosis
- ? Underlying primary psychosis
- Treatment: Risperdal 2 mg nocte
- Bacrim 2 tabs daily
- Vi 800 1 tab daily