

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**FOR ORAL REPLY****QUESTION 359**

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359. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

What (a) progress has been made in the police investigation relating to the murder of Namhla Mtwana in Mthatha, Eastern Cape, and (b) are the reasons that the police have not arrested anyone as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

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REPLY:

The case docket, Mthatha CAS 286/04/2022, is being investigated by the National Investigation Unit, within the Division: Detective and Forensic Services.

(a) Progress relating to the investigation is as follows:

- With regard to the alleged domestic violence and gender-based violence (GBV) by the deceased's boyfriend, Major Bheki Zulu, the family of the deceased opened a case docket, on her behalf, after her death and consequently, the deceased's statement could not be obtained. No previous statements, relating to any of the alleged allegations, were made by the deceased, prior to her death.
- Fingerprints were found and retrieved from the crime scene and have not yet been linked to a possible suspect.
- Ballistic evidence was obtained from the crime scene and has not yet been linked to a firearm.
- DNA was obtained from the scene and has not yet been linked to a possible suspect.
- Closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage was identified on the street and surrounding area and recordings were found and are being analysed.
- Eight cellphone numbers were analysed with the aim of identifying the suspect(s) and at this stage, no suspect has been linked and identified.
- There are no eyewitnesses that can positively identify the suspect.

- According to available information, the suspect was on foot and no vehicle could be identified.

(b) Based on the current information and leads, the suspect(s) cannot be identified. The South African Police Service (SAPS) is currently relying on the forensic evidence of the DNA, fingerprints and cellphone analysis, which is in progress.

The investigation is ongoing.

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**MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

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