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UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE MOURNS THE LOSS OF ITS ALUMNUS: Leighandre “BABY-LEE” Jegels

The University of Fort Hare (UFH) is saddened by the news of the passing of Leighandre “Baby-Lee” Jegels. The 25-year-old South African female boxing champion was shot dead on August 29, allegedly by her police officer boyfriend.

Jegels completed her Bachelor of Education degree with the university in 2016. The former Buffalo Flats Primary School pupil and trained teacher was involved in the kyoku-shinkaikan full-contact karate style. She had a black belt and was the South African karate champion in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

“To lose a talented young person at the prime of her youth and career is a devastating loss for her family and country at large. We are proud of her achievements. Baby-Lee was a great ambassador for the UFH brand. May her soul rest in peace”, said Tandi Mapukata, Institutional Advancement director.

Ms Jegels’ funeral service will be held at the Abbotsford Christian Centre this coming Saturday, 14 September 2019.

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