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# Institutional Advancement

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Dear University community

## **UPDATE ON A CASE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVOLVING A 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR NURSING SCIENCE STUDENT**

Yesterday afternoon the university became aware through conflicting social media reports that a 4th Year, male Nursing Science student might be involved in a fatal domestic violence incident.

To date, the matter has not yet been formally reported to the university. However, Campus Security Services has been able to collect and verify the following facts:

- A female was fatally injured at the family home of the suspect (NU8 Mdantsane) on Monday 17 February 2020
- A case has been opened by SAPS at Vulindlela Police station (NU12 Mdantsane) and our student is in custody at the facility
- The police have declared this a domestic violence case.
- The suspect resided off-campus in a privately acquired accommodation.

The university can also confirm that the student moved out of an allocated room at one of the residences in East London and was sharing a flat with a friend somewhere in Quigney.

We would like the community and society at large to kindly pay attention to the facts highlighted above and appreciate that only the police can provide further details.

Management is shocked and saddened by news and would like to convey a message of condolence to the victim's family. The University condemns all forms of violence, on-and-off campus.

Relevant university processes will kick in as soon as there is clarity on the legal case against the suspect.

Sincerely

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