



EFF STATEMENT ON THE LATE TSHEGOFATSO PULE MURDER CASE JUDGMENT

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The EFF welcomes the verdict by the Johannesburg High Court in the Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) murder case of Ms. Tshegofatso Pule. The High Court found that Ntuthuko Shoba, the boyfriend of Ms. Pule is guilty of premeditated murder, which led to the gruesome murder of the then pregnant Pule. Ms. Pule's murder case was resolved within 2-years.

We regretfully know that Tshegofatso Pule's brutal murder is hardly an isolated incident. South Africa's GBVF crisis remains characterised by rampant patriarchy and misogyny.

The South African Government remains complicit in ensuring our justice system functions and operates in a manner that protects perpetrators.

We call on the South African Police Service, the National Prosecuting Agency and the Courts to apply the same vigour in attending to the mounting GBVF cases that do not trend on social media and media.

The very same swift justice, that was rightfully afforded to the late Ms. Pule must be the justice afforded to all victims of GBVF.

Treasury must allocate necessary funds for the swift implementation of the three recently signed GBVF related Acts. This will contribute tremendously in affording equal access to justice.

We call on men and women in South Africa to release themselves from the indoctrination and shackles of patriarchy and misogyny, which leads to such hateful crimes.

We wish to convey our best wishes and continued support to the family of the late Tshegofatso Pule. May this judgement bring closure to their 2-year long ordeal.

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