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Understanding intimate femicide in South Africa

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX ONE

FEMALE HOMICIDE STUDY DATA CAPTURE SHEETS

CASE INFORMATION

Research Study Number _____

Mortuary Number _____

PM Number _____

Police case number _____

CASE FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION:

Police station _____

Investigating officer _____

Phone number of Investigating Officer _____

Court in which matter was heard _____

Mortuary data sheet

1. Date of autopsy : _____(yyyy-mm-dd)

2. Date of death: _____(yyyy-mm-dd)

3. Time of death: (00h00) _____

4. Day of the week of death:

1=Monday 2=Tuesday 3=Wednesday

4=Thursday 5=Friday 6=Saturday 7=Sunday

5. Name of pathologist: _____

6. Gender of pathologist

1	Female
2	Male

7. Age of victim _____if known

8. Estimate of age of victim _____if unknown

9. Race of victim

1	African
2	Coloured
3	White
4	Indian
5	Unknown

10. Blood Alcohol level taken

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

11. Alcohol Level _____ g%

12. Missing

1	Yes
2	No

Investigation Officer Data Sheet

Research Study Number

Police Case Number

13. Source of Information:

1	Primary Source
2	Secondary Source
3	Record Review

14. Location of docket:

1	Investigating Officer
2	Court / Inquest
3	Archives
4	DPP
5	ICD
6	Unknown

15. Where was the matter heard?

1	Matter was not heard
2	Regional Court
3	High Court

16. Occupation of Victim

1	Unemployed / homemaker
2	Professional: nurse, doctor, teacher, lawyer, accountant, social worker, pharmacist etc....
3	White collar: secretary, office or bank worker, sales person,
4	Blue collar: factory worker, waitress, employed in a shop, etc...
5	Sex worker
6	Domestic work /gardening /cooking
7	Selling/trading or making/growing things to sell
8	Farm worker
9	Student (school/college)
10	Security industry: police, armed forced, security guard
11	Street person
12	Unknown
13	Other (please specify)

17. Type of dwelling in which the victim lived?

1	Flat/ Townhouse	4	Hostel	7	Unknown
2	House	5	Shack/ One Roomed Housing		
3	Hotel/ Boarding House	6	Homeless		

18. Was the victim suspected of having at any stage been involved in trading sex for money?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

19. Where was the victim last seen:

1	Home
2	Work
3	Walking home
4	Bar / shebeen
5	Street
6	Park/ open ground
7	With friends
8	Other (specify)

20. Scene of injury:

1	Other Private House/ Yard	13	Medical Services area
2	Victim's Home Formal	14	Industrial / Construction area
3	Victim's Home Informal	15	Farm/ Primary Production area
4	Perpertrator's home formal	16	Sea/ lake/ dam/ beach
5	Perpertrator's home informal	17	Open land, urban
6	Residential institution	18	Countryside
7	Bar/ Shebeen/ N'club/ Disco	19	Railway line/ Station
8	Amusement /Park/Sports Area	20	Empty Building
9	Urban Public Road	21	Victim's Workplace
10	Country Public Road	22	In custody (state/private)
11	Shop/ Bank/ Retail area	23	Place Unknown
12	School/ Educational area	24	Other (specify)

21. Name of town/village/township or district of injury: _____

22. Place of injury was:

1	Major urban centre/provincial capital
2	Small town or "township in the countryside"
3	Rural area/village
4	Commercial farming area
5	Unknown

23. Relationship of victim to place where she was found:

1	Lived for more than 3 months in the same town/ area	4	In area for work/ shopping or entertainment purposes
2	Recently came to stay in tone/ area	5	Not previously known to the area
3	Passing through/ visiting	6	Unknown

24. Was more than one victim involved?

1	Yes
2	No

25 a. If yes, number of victims injured____

b. Number of victims who died___

26. Who were these other victims?

_____

27. Was it a family murder?

1	Yes
2	No

28. Did the perpetrator commit suicide?

1	Yes
2	No

Perpetrator Data

29. Perpetrator of crime is:

1	Known
2	Suspected
3	Unknown

30. Relationship of known/suspected perpetrator to victim:

1	Husband (any legal marriage or completed lobola)
2	Ex-husband
3	Cohabiting boyfriend (partial lobola or no marriage)
4	Ex-cohabiting boyfriend (partial lobola or no marriage)
5	Boyfriend
6	Ex-boyfreind
7	Same Sex Partner
8	Rejected man proposing a relationship
9	Relative _____(specify)
10	Friend/aquintance/in-law
11	Person known by sight
12	Stranger
13	Female perpetrator romantically involved or previously with current or ex-husband/boyfreind of victim
14	Unknown
15	Other (Please specify)

31. Gender of perpetrator:

1	Male
2	Female
3	Unknown

32. Age of perpetrator

1	Known
2	Estimated
3	Unknown

33. Age : _____

34. Race of perpetrator

1	African
2	Coloured
3	White
4	Indian
5	Unknown

35. Occupation of perpetrator:

1	Unemployed	9	Taxi owner/ driver or bus driver
2	Professional: nurse, doctor, teacher, lawyer, accountant, Social worker, pharmacist, engineer etc..	10	Selling/ trading or making/ growing things to sell
3	White collar: secretary, office or bank worker, sales Person, messenger etc....	11	Farm Worker
4	Blue Collar: factory worker, builder, waiter, employed in a Shop, municipal worker, postman etc...	12	Student
5	Security Industry: Police	13	Farm Worker
6	Security Industry: Armed Forces	14	Street Person
7	Security Industry: Private	15	Unknown
8	Domestic Worker/ gardening/ driver	16	Other (specify)

36. Was more than one person known or suspected to have perpetrated the injuries?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

37. If yes, how many? _____

38. If more than one, was this perpetrator thought to be the main perpetrator?

1	Yes
2	No
3	All perpetrators equally important

39. Was the perpetrator known to drink heavily?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

40. Was the perpetrator known to use drugs?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

41. Did he own one or more legal guns?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

42. Did he own one or more illegal guns?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

43. Type of Intentional Violence

1	Interpersonal
2	Legal Intervention
3	Gang/ Syndicate
4	War/ Civil insurrection
5	Unspecified
6	Other

44. Did death occur in the context of another crime?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

45. Specify the context of the "other" crime

1	Robbery
2	Housebreaking
3	Hijacking
4	Taxi Violence
5	Other (specify)

Data on the victim perpetrator relationship if the perpetrator was a current or ex-husband or boyfriend or rejected lover of the victim (i.e. intimate)

46. Was the perpetrator known to have threatened to harm the children or another family member if the victim left or did not come back?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

47. Was the perpetrator known to have threatened to kill the victim if she left or did not come back?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

48. Had the perpetrator ever been physically violent towards the victim?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

49. Did the victim ever indicate that the perpetrator been sexually violent towards her (e.g by telling someone or laying a charge)

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

50. Had she ever previously reported the perpetrator to the police?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

51. Had she ever previously applied for a protection order or injunction?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

52. If yes, did she have a PO at the time of the murder?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

53. Had the police ever been called out to her home because of fighting between the perpetrator and victim?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

54. Had the perpetrator ever previously been arrested for assault on the victim or threats?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

55. Has there been a previous charge between the victim and perpetrator?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

56. What was the outcome of the case?

1	Out on bail
2	Case Withdrawn
3	Sentence Pending
4	Non-custodial Sentence
5	Time Served
6	Suspended Sentence
7	Other

57. Had the victim and perpetrator previously sought help for relationship problems from, for example a church minister or family or an NGO?

1	No known relationship problems
2	Unknown
3	Family
4	Religious leader
5	NGO
6	Social worker
7	Other person

58. Had the perpetrator previously injured the victim so that she had had medical treatment?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

LEGAL POSITION OF PERPETRATOR

59. This perpetrator has been:

1	Charged - awaiting trail
2	Charge Withdrawn – Witness disappeared / died
3	Trial in progress
4	Trial completed – convicted of murder
5	Trial completed – convicted of culpable homicide
6	Trial completed – convicted of lesser charge
7	Trial completed – acquitted - accident
8	Trial completed – acquitted -lack of evidence
9	Trail completed – acquitted -non-insane automatism
10	Trial completed – acquitted -self-defence
11	Trail completed – acquitted – temporary non-pathological criminal incapacity
12	Strongly suspected to have done it, not charged
13	Dead – Homicide
14	Dead – Suicide
15	Dead – accident
16	Dead – natural causes
17	Perpetrator never arrested
18	Perpetrator unknown

Perpetrator's Sentence

60. Jail Sentence

1	Yes
2	No

61. Jail Time

Years	Months

62. Community Service

1	Yes
2	No

63. Community Service Time

Years	Months

64. Suspended Sentence

1	Yes
2	No

65. Suspended Sentence time

Years	Months

66. Fine

1	Yes
2	No

67. Amount of Fine

Rands

68. Correctional Supervision

1	Yes
2	No

69 Correctional Supervision time served

Years	Months

70. Had this perpetrator been previously violent towards others:

1	Yes, awaiting trial
2	Yes, protection order granted
3	Yes, previous complaint to police
4	Yes, previous time served
5	Yes, bailed pending appeal
6	No
7	Unknown

71. If yes, who was he violent towards? _____

_____

72.Type of homicide

1	Female homicide
2	Intimate homicide
3	Unknown
4	Suspected Female Homicide
5	Suspected Intimate Homicide

73. If Intimate Homicide: Events leading to the murder

1	Female partner ending relationship
2	Argument over money
3	Argument over male partner's infidelity
4	Argument: reason unknown
5	Female partner did not obey male partner
6	Female partner refused to have sex with male partner
7	Female partner "nagging" male partner
8	Alleged infidelity of female partner
9	Female partner alleged to have insulted male partner's sexual prowess
10	Financial Gain
11	Accident
12	No explanation
13	Other (specify)

74. What was the status of the relationship at the time of the murder?

1	Couple living together
2	Couple divorced
3	Couple in the process of separating
4	Couple separated
5	Couple dating and living in separate households
6	Other (specify)

75. Is separated / separating specify who initiated the separation

1	Woman
2	Man
3	Unknown

76. Was the crime scene visited by I/O?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

77. Was the crime scene visited by the pathologist?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

78. Was a weapon found?

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

79. Type of weapon:

1	Knife	Yes	1	No	2
2	Gun	Yes	1	No	2
3	Blunt Object (specify)___	Yes	1	No	2
4	Other Sharp Object (specify)__	Yes	1	No	2
5	Ligature or object for strangulation (specify) ___	Yes	1	No	2
6	Other (specify) ___	Yes	1	No	2

80. Was other evidence found?

1	Yes
2	No

81. Type of other evidence:

1	Fingerprints	Yes	1	No	2
2	Footprints	Yes	1	No	2
3	Tyre tracks	Yes	1	No	2
4	Blood	Yes	1	No	2
5	Semen	Yes	1	No	2
6	Other body fluids	Yes	1	No	2
7	Foreign fibre	Yes	1	No	2
8	Foreign hair	Yes	1	No	2
9	Clothing	Yes	1	No	2
10	Other (specify)	Yes	1	No	2

82. Were crime scene photos taken:

1	Yes
2	No
3	Unknown

Pathology Data Sheet

Research Study Number _____

Mortuary Number _____

Pm Number _____

Police Case number _____

Pathology Data Sheet

Research Number _____

Mortuary Number _____

Pm Number _____

Police Case Number _____

83. Autopsy done:

Full	1	Partial	2	Ext. exam. only	3	None	4

84. Photos taken:

Yes	1	No	2

85. Suggestion of sexual assault:

Yes	1	No	2

86. Specimens taken:

Yes	1	No	2

87. Specify specimens taken

Taken:		YES	NO	Received by lab: YES	NO	DENATURED	INADEQUATE SPECIMEN
1	Blood Alcohol	1	2				
2	Eye fluid alcohol	1	2				
3	Grouping	1	2	1	2	3	4
4	Bullet Point	1	2	1	2		
5	Clothing	1	2	1	2		
6	Ligature	1	2	1	2		
7	Genital swab	1	2	1	2	3	4
8	Blood DNA	1	2	1	2	3	4
9	Control pubic hair	1	2	1	2	3	4
10	Comb	1	2	1	2		
11	Foreign hair	1	2	1	2	3	4
12	Foreign body fluid	1	2	1	2	3	4
13	Nail scrapings	1	2	1	2	3	4
14	Head Hair	1	2	1	2	3	4
15	Anal swab	1	2	1	2	3	4
16	Oral swab	1	2	1	2	3	4
17	Toxicology	1	2	1	2	3	4
18	Histology	1	2	1	2	3	4

88. Actual number of external injuries. _____

89. Sites of external injuries

		YES	NO
1	Head/face	1	2
2	Neck	1	2
3	Thorax	1	2
4	Abdomen,lower back	1	2
5	Pelvis,buttocks	1	2

		YES	NO
6	Upper limbs	1	2
7	Lowe limbs	1	2
8	Genitalia	1	2
9	Anal region	1	2
10	Unspecified	1	2

90. Actual number of internal injuries. _____

91. Sites of internal injuries

		YES	NO
1	Head/face	1	2
2	Neck	1	2
3	Thorax	1	2
4	Abdomen,lower back	1	2
5	Pelvis,buttocks	1	2

		YES	NO
6	Upper limbs	1	2
7	Lowe limbs	1	2
8	Genitalia	1	2
9	Anal region	1	2
10	Unspecified	1	2

92. Multiple injury sites:

Yes	1	No	2

93. Head/Face Injury

Yes	1	No	2

94. Type of Head/fFace injuries

		YES	NO
1a	Abrasion Single	1	2
1b	Abrasion Multiple	1	2
2a	Contusion Single	1	2
2b	Contusion Multiple	1	2
3a	Laceration Single	1	2
3b	Lacersation Multiple	1	2
4a	Superficial incised wound Single	1	2
4b	Superficial incised wound Multiple	1	2
5a	Penetrating incised wound Single	1	2
5b	Penetrating incised wound Multiple	1	2
6a	Gunshot wound Single	1	2
6b	Gunshot wound Multiple	1	2
7a	Fracture Single	1	2
7b	Fracture Multiple	1	2

		YES	NO
8a	Bite Single	1	2
8b	Bite Multiple	1	2
9	Subconjunctival/scleral haemorrahages	1	2
10a	Extradural Haem	1	2
10b	Subdural Haem	1	2
10c	Subarachnoid Heam	1	2
10d	Intracranial Heam.	1	2
11a	Cerebral Contusion	1	2
11b	Cerebral swelling	1	2
11d	Cerebral Hematoma	1	2
11e	Cerebral Laceration	1	2
11f	Cerebral GSW	1	2
12	Cerebral PIW	1	2
13	Other intracranial injuries	1	2

95. Neck Injury

Yes	1	No	2

96. Type of neck injuries:

		YES	NO
1a	Abrasion Single	1	2
1b	Abrasion Multiple	1	2
2a	Contusion Single	1	2
2b	Contusion Multiple	1	2
3a	Laceration Single	1	2
3b	Laceration Multiple	1	2
4a	Superficial incised wound Single	1	2
4b	Superficial incised wound Multiple	1	2
5a	Penetrating incised wound Single	1	2
5b	Penetrating incised wound Multiple	1	2
6a	Gunshot wound Single	1	2
6b	Gunshot wound multiple	1	2
7a	Fractured verterbra single	1	2
7b	Fractured verterbra multiple	1	2

		YES	NO
8a	Bite Single	1	2
8b	Bite Multiple	1	2
9	Ligature abrasion	1	2
10	Finger/nail imprint contusions/abrasions	1	2
11	Fractured hyoid	1	2
12	Fractured thyroid cartilage	1	2
13	Jagular vein injury	1	2
14	Carotid injury	1	2
15	Thyroid gland	1	2
16	Strap muscles	1	2
17	Tracheal	1	2
18	Bloodless dissect	1	2

97. Thorax Injury

Yes	1	No	2

98. Type of Thorax injuries

		YES	NO
1a	Abrasion Single	1	2
1b	Abrasion Multiple	1	2
2a	Contusion Single	1	2
2b	Contusion Multiple	1	2
3a	Laceration Single	1	2
3b	Lacersation Multiple	1	2
4a	Superficial incised wound Single	1	2
4b	Superficial incised wound Multiple	1	2
5a	Penetrating incised wound Single	1	2
5b	Penetrating incised wound Multiple	1	2
6a	Gunshot wound Single	1	2
6b	Gunshot wound Multiple	1	2
7a	Fracture Single ribs/ sternum /clacicle	1	2

		YES	NO
7b	Fracture Multiple ribs	1	2
8	Lung injury	1	2
9	Heart injury	1	2
10	Great vessel injury	1	2
11	Oesophageal injury	1	2
12	Tracheal injury	1	2
13	Diaphragm injury	1	2
14	Fluid	1	2
15	Spinal	1	2
16	Heamothorax	1	2
17	Heamopericardium	1	2
18	Heamoaspiration	1	2
19	FB aspiration	1	2

99. Abdomen, Lower back Injury

Yes	1	No	2

100. Type of abdomen and lower back injuries:

		YES	NO
1a	Abrasion Single	1	2
1b	Abrasion Multiple	1	2
2a	Contusion Single	1	2
2b	Contusion Multiple	1	2
3a	Laceration Single	1	2
3b	Lacersation Multiple	1	2
4a	Superficial incised wound Single	1	2
4b	Superficial incised wound Multiple	1	2
5a	Penetrating incised wound Single	1	2
5b	Penetrating incised wound Multiple	1	2
6a	Gunshot wound Single	1	2
6b	Gunshot wound Multiple	1	2

		YES	NO
7a	Fracture Single (lumbar spine)	1	2
7b	Fracture Multiple (lumbar spine)	1	2
8	Liver injury: Specify_____	1	2
9	Spleen Injury: Specify_____	1	2
10	Pancreas injury	1	2
11	Stomach injury	1	2
12	Intestine/mesentery injury	1	
13	Adrenal injury	1	2
14	Kidney injury	1	2
15	Blood Vessels	1	2
16	Fluid:_____	1	2

101. Pelvis, buttocks

Yes	1	No	2

102. Type of pelvis and buttocks injuries

		YES	NO
1a	Abrasion Single	1	2
1b	Abrasion Multiple	1	2
2a	Contusion Single	1	2
2b	Contusion Multiple	1	2
3a	Laceration Single	1	2
3b	Lacersation Multiple	1	2
4a	Superficial incised wound Single	1	2
4b	Superficial incised wound Multiple	1	2
5a	Penetrating incised wound Single	1	2

		YES	NO
5b	Penetrating incised wound Multiple	1	2
6a	Gunshot wound Single	1	2
6b	Gunshot wound Multiple	1	2
7a	Fracture Single	1	2
7b	Fracture Multiple	1	2
8a	Bite Single	1	2
8b	Bite Multiple	1	
9	Bladder Injury	1	2
10	Blood vessel	1	2

103. Upper limbs

Yes	1	No	2

104. Type of Upper limbs injuries

		YES	NO
1a	Abrasion Single	1	2
1b	Abrasion Multiple	1	2
2a	Contusion Single	1	2
2b	Contusion Multiple	1	2
3a	Laceration Single	1	2
3b	Lacersation Multiple	1	2
4a	Superficial incised wound Single	1	2
4b	Superficial incised wound Multiple	1	2
5a	Penetrating incised wound Single	1	2

		YES	NO
5b	Penetrating incised wound Multiple	1	2
6a	Gunshot wound Single	1	2
6b	Gunshot wound Multiple	1	2
7a	Fracture Single	1	2
7b	Fracture Multiple	1	2
8a	Bite Single	1	2
8b	Bite Multiple	1	2
9	Vessel injury	1	2
10	Defence wounds	1	2

105. Lower limbs

Yes	1	No	2

106. Type of lower limbs injuries

		YES	NO
1a	Abrasion Single	1	2
1b	Abrasion Multiple	1	2
2a	Contusion Single	1	2
2b	Contusion Multiple	1	2
3a	Laceration Single	1	2
3b	Lacersation Multiple	1	2
4a	Superficial incised wound Single	1	2
4b	Superficial incised wound Multiple	1	2
5a	Penetrating incised wound Single	1	2

		YES	NO
5b	Penetrating incised wound Multiple	1	2
6a	Gunshot wound Single	1	2
6b	Gunshot wound Multiple	1	2
7a	Fracture Single	1	2
7b	Fracture Multiple	1	2
8a	Bite Single	1	2
8b	Bite Multiple	1	2
9	Vessel injury	1	2

107. Vaginal examination done

Yes	1	No	2

108. Genitalia injury

Yes	1	No	2

109. Genitalia: External and internal injuries

		Abrasion		Contusion		Laceration		Penetrating	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
1	Pubic hair	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
2	Labia majora	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
3	Labia minora	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
4	Vestibule	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
5	Urethra	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
6	Clitoris	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
7	Hymen	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
8	Introitus	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
9	Post. Fourchette	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
10	Vagina	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2

110. Anal examination done

Yes	1	No	2

111. Anal injury

Yes	1	No	2

112. Type of anal injuries

		YES	NO
1a	Abrasion Single	1	2
1b	Abrasion Multiple	1	2
2a	Contusion Single	1	2
2b	Contusion Multiple	1	2
3a	Laceration Single	1	2
3b	Lacersation Multiple	1	2
4a	Superficial incised wound Single	1	2
4b	Superficial incised wound Multiple	1	2
5a	Penetrating incised wound Single	1	2

		YES	NO
5b	Penetrating incised wound Multiple	1	2
6a	Gunshot wound Single	1	2
6b	Gunshot wound Multiple	1	2
7a	Fracture Single	1	2
7b	Fracture Multiple	1	2
8a	Bite Single	1	2
8b	Bite Multiple	1	2
9	Foreign object (specify)	1	2

113. What proportion of locations of the lesions were precisely described?

1	0-25%	2	26-50%	3	51-75%	4	76-99%	5	100%

114. What proportion of the pathological descriptions were correct?

1	0-25%	2	26-50%	3	51-75%	4	76-99%	5	100%

115. W hat proportion of wounds had all their dimensions specified?

1	0-25%	2	26-50%	3	51-75%	4	76-99%	5	100%

116. Standard of PM report:

1	Below adequate	Yes	1	No	2
2	Adequate	Yes	1	No	2
3	Superior	Yes	1	No	2

117 Primary medical cause of death

1	Single injury
2	Multiple injuries
3	Undertimined
4	Not injury related / natural

118. Mechanism of death

1	Gun shot
2	Stab
3	Blunt force
4	Strangled
5	Asphyxiated/smothered
6	Fire
7	Drowned
8	Other (please state)
9	Undertermined
10	Natural

Comments

COD as stated on PM report

APPENDIX TWO

MRC
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The Medical Research Council

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9 April 2002

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Dear Dr Jewkes

RE: National study of the epidemiology of female murder

Thank you for your response to the Ethics Committee, dated 20 March 2002. The changes and Afrikaans translation have been approved. I am pleased to inform you that ethics approval is now granted for the study.

Wishing you well with your research.

Yours sincerely

PROF PE CLEATON-JONES
CHAIRPERSON: MRC ETHICS COMMITTEE

cc: Ms N Abrahams
Ms S Mathews

APPENDIX THREE

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG

Division of the Deputy Registrar (Research)

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (MEDICAL)
R14/49 Mathews

CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE	**PROTOCOL NUMBER M060530**
PROJECT	The Epidemiology of Female Homocide in South Africa
INVESTIGATORS	Ms S Mathews
DEPARTMENT	School of Public Health
DATE CONSIDERED	06.05.26
DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE*	APPROVEDUNCONDITIONALLY

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DATE 07.01.23 **CHAIRPERSON** .....
(Professors PE Cleaton-Jones, A Dhai, M Vorster, C Feldman, A Woodiwiss)

*Guidelines for written 'informed consent' attached where applicable

cc: Supervisor : Dr N Abrahams

DECLARATION OF INVESTIGATOR(S)

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I/We fully understand the conditions under which I am/we are authorized to carry out the abovementioned research and I/we guarantee to ensure compliance with these conditions. Should any departure to be contemplated from the research procedure as approved I/we undertake to resubmit the protocol to the Committee. **I agree to a completion of a yearly progress report.**

PLEASE QUOTE THE PROTOCOL NUMBER IN ALL ENQUIRIES

APPENDIX FOUR

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Navrae/Enquiry : Dr JM van Heerden
Verw/Reference : J1/10/11/1

Dr R Jewkes
Medical Research Council
Gender and Health Group
PO Box 19070
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Dear Dr Jewkes

NATIONAL STUDY INTO THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF FEMALE MURDER

Thank you for your letter dated 12 February 2002.

The Department supports in principle your study into the epidemiology of female murder, particularly if intervention strategies can be developed on basis of the findings. It must be ensured, however, that neither the victim nor the perpetrator be identified on any of the study documents.

It is also important to obtain approval from the relevant provincial health departments for the study.

The Department wishes you success with this important research project.

Kind regards

DIRECTOR-GENERAL: HEALTH
Date: 18 February 2002

Dr R Jewkes MRC 1

APPENDIX FIVE

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SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

Privaatsak/Private Bag X302

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Afdelingskommissaris / Divisional Commissioner
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Hoofkantoor / Head Office
PRETORIA
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11 June 2002

Gender & Health Group
Medical Research Council
Private Bag X385
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Attention: Dr Rachel Jewkes

NATIONAL STUDY INTO THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF FEMALE MURDER

As you may be aware, responsibility and control of the South African Police Service mortuaries is in the process of being transferred to the Department of Health. This process is scheduled to take place by no later than 1 April 2003.

Whilst such responsibility rests with the South African Police Service, we acknowledge the extreme benefit which may be gained from an improved understanding of the risk factors associated with the phenomenon of intimate femicide, and accordingly endorse the study to be conducted by the Gender & Health Group, and have no objection to information under the control of the South African Police Service being accessed.

It is evident from the research proposal and data capture sheet, that the bulk of the study will require information to be obtained from the investigating officer and the pathologist and that the forensic science laboratory will play only a limited role in the research process.

A number of concerns regarding the availability of investigators and the disclosure of sensitive issues which are subjudice have been noted. Kindly take note therefore that should the disclosure of information jeopardise the investigation of the case, the information will not be disclosed by the investigating officer.

We wish you every success in the studies to be undertaken and look forward to hearing of your success in the future.

Yours faithfully

DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER : DETECTIVE SERVICE
JF DE BEER

APPENDIX SIX

INFORMATION SHEET AND CONSENT FORM

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL NATIONAL FEMALE HOMICIDE STUDY

I am Ms Shanaaz Matthews, a researcher with the Gender & Health Group of the Medical Research Council. We are undertaking research on the murder of women, together with the Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology of the University of Cape Town and the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation.

The aim of the study is to be able to estimate how many women are murdered in a year in South Africa and to determine the number murdered by an intimate partner. The research is also seeking to compare women murdered by an intimate partner with those murdered by another person and determine if there are any particular characteristics of the women, the perpetrator or the crime which are associated with a particular type of perpetrator. A Forensic Pathologist, Dr Lorna Martin of the University of Cape Town, will be examining post mortem reports to determine whether there are particular patterns of injuries, which arise from murder by a particular type of perpetrator.

We anticipate that the findings of this research will be very valuable for the police and criminal justice system and doctors conducting post mortems. They will help us understand if particular types of women are at risk of murder by an intimate partner and whether particular types of injuries are more likely to point towards a particular type of perpetrator. The findings will also help Government departments and non-governmental organisations consider prevention strategies and understand better the relative importance of female murder and murder of women by intimate partners compared with other crimes. We have discussed the project with the Dept. of Safety & Security and have their full support for the work.

I have identified cases with the following numbers _____

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at _____mortuary and from the details held there determined that you are/were the Investigating Officer in the case. I would be extremely grateful if you would be prepared to give me some further information about the case. I would like to ask you about the personal details of the victim (but will not ask her name); whether there is a known perpetrator and details of him (but not his name); further details of the crime; and the legal position of the case. All the information should be available in the docket. If you cannot answer any questions because the information is not available or do not wish to reveal any particular pieces of information that is fine and you should just tell me. We recognise that the answers to all the questions asked will not be available in every case.

The information provided will only be used for research purposes and will not form part of the legal case. The research report and any written publications

will not include the names of any victims or perpetrators, nor of any officers providing information to the study. I would be extremely grateful if you would be prepared to participate in the study and if you agree I will approach your senior officer for permission if you could furnish details of his or her name and contact number. If you decline I will ensure that you are do not face any problems in your work and that no one knows that I approached you and you declined.

We have obtained permission for the study from Office of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Services. (see attached letter).

If you agree to assist us, please could you sign this form and fax it back to me on 021 938 0310 and then I will be able to proceed with contacting you by phone. Please retain the original copy for your records.

I have read the above explanation of the research project and agree to provide information for the research.

Signature of Investigating officer _____

Name (please print)_____

Date _____

Place_____

Name of senior officer to contact if you would like us to get further permission:

_____

Contact number: _____

If you require any further information about the study or clarification please contact:

Ms Shanaaz Matthews
Gender & Health Group
Medical Research Council
PO Box 19070
Tygerberg 7505

Tel: 021 938 0448
Fax: 021 938 0310

APPENDIX SEVEN

Scope of inquiry for the interviews

A preliminary scope of scope has been developed and will be used as a guide during the interview. The exact questions asked and their sequence will depend on the flow of the interview and areas on which the informants are most prepared to speak (the bullet points below do not represent exact wording of questions):

Interviews with perpetrators whose cases are closed and who have been convicted :

Interview One:

- Childhood how this was for him
- Family : relationship with parents
  Relationship with siblings
- Schooling how far he progressed, did he enjoy it
- Personal experiences of violence explore: at home, school and community
- Friendships
- Dating girls

Interview Two

- How does he perceive their relationship?
- How was their relationship when they just met?
- What changes occurred in the relationship?
- Was there disagreements? What was the nature of disagreements?
- Was there any violence in the past?
- What were the events leading up to the murder?
- How does he explain what happened and why he did it?
- What preceded it and what precipitated it?
- Did he plan it? Had he thought about it before?
- If so why? And with what expectation of punishment?
- Why did he kill her and not just to leave her? What did he think the barriers to or disadvantages to leaving her were? Why did killing seem better?
- How did he expect people like family and friends and the community at large to react to him killing her?
- Was this better than if he had left her? Why? How did they react?
- Who does he think was to blame for what happened?

Interviews with people in the social network, i.e. one of his friends, one of her friends, one of his family, one of her family, a neighbour or anyone they or she tried to get help from:

- what did they know about the relationship? What did they think were the problems? What were the main stresses?
- what did they think of him before it happened, what sort of man was he?
- what about her, what did they think of her?
- did they share their problems with friends and family? Did people try to help on previous occasions? What happened?
- did she have contact with her family? Was that useful or supportive at all?
- why do they think it happened? Could anything have stopped it?
- what or who was to blame?
- how did they react to him afterwards?
- how did the community react to him afterwards
- did they think the police etc did their job and the outcome of the case was appropriate?

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Ethics Committee

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8 July 2005

Dr N Abrahams
Gender & Health Research Unit
MRC

Dear Dr Abrahams

RE: Understanding intimate femicide in South Africa

Thank you for your response to the Committee, dated 25 April 2005. The changes were found to be acceptable. I am pleased to inform you that ethics approval is now granted for the study.

Wishing you well with your research.

Yours sincerely

PROF. D DU TOIT
CHAIRPERSON: MRC ETHICS COMMITTEE

APPENDIX NINE

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG

Division of the Deputy Registrar (Research)

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (MEDICAL)
R14/49 Mathews

CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE	**PROTOCOL NUMBER M060525**
PROJECT	Understanding Intimate Femicide in South Africa
INVESTIGATORS	Ms S Mathews
DEPARTMENT	School of Public Health
DATE CONSIDERED	06.05.26
DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE*	APPROVED UNCONDITIONALLY

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APPENDIX TEN

DEPARTMENT: CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Reference: 8/7/1

Dr N Abrahams
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7505

Enquiries: Ms B. J. Matshego

Date: September 2005

Dear Dr Abrahams

Re: Permission to conduct research on "Understanding Inmate Femicide in South Africa"

It is with pleasure that I wish to inform you that your request to conduct research in the Department of Correctional Services on the above-mentioned topic has been approved.

Kindly ensure that the terminology in your research study is in line with that used in the White Paper on Corrections in South Africa (February 2005).

Mr L Venter (Regional Head Development and Care: Western Cape) has been appointed as your internal guide. You are requested to contact him before you commence with your research project at telephone number 021 550 6019

You are not to make use of any departmental resources.

The relevant Area and Regional Commissioners will be informed of your pending research project. It is your responsibility to make arrangements for your visiting times. It is recommended that your identity document and this approval letter be in your possession when visiting the center

Should you have any enquiries regarding this process please contact the Directorate Research for assistance at telephone number 012 307 2359/ 305 8043

Thank you for your application and interest to conduct research in the Department of Correctional Services.

Yours sincerely

05.09.19
CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER: CENTRAL SERVICES
A SCHREINER (Ms)

APPENDIX ELEVEN

Medical Research Council's study on understanding the social context of Femicide in South Africa

INFORMATION SHEET (Perpetrators)

Introduction

Hello, my name is..... I am a researcher working for the Medical Research Council. I am doing research to get a better understanding of the circumstances in which women are killed by their husband or boyfriend. In particular I want to understand the events that lead to her killing, what you were thinking about at the time, what you thought would happen afterwards and how you thought people close to you would respond. The research team thinks that getting your views is very important. We want to ask you to give us some of your time to talk about your experience because it is only by speaking to you that can help us understand the problem.

About the interview

I will not ask you many questions and there is no set format to our interview. I will prefer that it is a conversation in which you relate your experiences around the death, your thoughts about the event and how people close the couple responded to the murder. There is no right or wrong way of talking about your experience – everything you say is important to me. The interview will take about 1 hour.

I would like to use a tape recorder during the interview. The tape is necessary because I would not be able to take notes during the interview. Confidentiality is assured. The tapes will not have your name on and it will be stored in a safe place. I will record our conversation from the tape and your information will be put together with information from other interviews and at the end there will be no way of identifying who said what. The police will not be able to access the information you provide as it is confidential and cannot be used in court.

Confidentiality

All information that you give us will be treated confidentially. Instead of using your name we will use a code when we are looking at the information that you give us. No one apart from my colleagues and I will know that it is you who shared information with us. The police will not have access to any of the information you will be sharing with me and it will not be influencing your case. I will be interviewing 15-20 men who have also killed their partners and will also be interviewing family members and friends. You will be asked to identify a family member and friend from your side and well as hers too. You will be asked to provide us with signed permission to make contact with them. It is also okay if you do not give permission to make contact with them. We will combine all the information from all our interviews to assist us in gaining a better understanding of what happens in cases of intimate femicide.

Why We Have Chosen You?

We had conducted a national study on female homicide in 2002 & 2003. We identified cases via mortuaries throughout the country your case was one of these cases. We will also be speaking to other men who have also murdered their partners.

Consent

You do not have to agree to answer all questions or to participate in this study. It is OK if you do not want to be interviewed. We will not tell anyone that you did not want to be interviewed. If you agree to answer the questions I will read out a consent form to you and ask you to sign it to say that you agree to being interviewed.

My Contact Details

If you have any further questions now or after the research please contact me via the Prison Counselor

STUDY TO UNDERSTAND THE SOCIAL CONTEXT OF INTIMATE FEMICIDE IN SOUTH AFRICA

CONSENT FORM: (for Men who Perpetrated Intimate Femicide)

Hello, my name is .....I am from the Medical Research Council in Cape Town. I now want to ask your formal permission to interview you about the killing of your partner. I am undertaking this research to help us understand more about the circumstances leading to women being killed by their partners. There is no right and wrong way of talking, everything you say is important to me. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. Also you may choose to stop the interview at any time or not answer any question that you do not want to answer. If you choose not to participate in this interview today, there will be no negative consequences in anyway. This information will be used to develop recommendations for services to families who are experiencing relationship problems. This interview will take about 60 minutes. I will also be providing you with an information sheet to further explain the purpose of the study.

If you are agree to participate in this study interview I would like to ask you to sign this consent form below.

I.....on this.....day of ..... 2006, agree to be interviewed for the study on "understanding the social context of intimate femicide in South Africa "–. I understand that I will be talking about my experiences and thoughts about the murder.

Signed..... Witness ....

Date.....

Consent for use of tape recorder

I.....on this.....day of ..... 2005, agree for the tape recorder to be used during the interviewed for the study on "understanding the social context of intimate femicide in South Africa "–. I understand that it will be used for the purposes of the research only.

Signed..... Witness ....

Date.....

STUDY OF UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIAL CONTEXT OF FEMICIDE IN SOUTH AFRICA

CONSENT FORM: (For Perpetrators to contact relatives and friends)

I now want to ask your formal permission to interview a relative and a friend of yours who would be willing to share their thoughts and ideas about the murder. We feel it is important to interview people who know you well in order for us to gain a better understanding of circumstances around the murder. Their thoughts and ideas will also assist us to better understand what happened.

Name of relative: .....

Address: .....

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Tel. No.: .....

Name of Friend: .....

Address: .....

.....

Tel. No.: .....

If you are agree to provide us with permission to interview a relative and friend for this study I would like to ask you to sign this consent form below.

I.....on this.....day of ..... 2005, agree that a relative and friend be contacted for the study on "understanding the social context of intimate femicide in South Africa "–. I understand that they will be providing information on their thoughts and ideas of why the murder occurred.

Signed..... Witness ....

Date.....

Medical Research Council's study on understanding the social context of Intimate Femicide in South Africa

INFORMATION SHEET (Relatives and friends)

Introduction

Hello, my name is..... I am a researcher working for the Medical Research Council. I am doing research to get a better understanding of the circumstances in which women are killed by an intimate partner. In particular what events lead to her killing what you knew about their relationship and whether you had been involved in the relationship problems at all. We think that getting your views is very important. We want to ask you to give us some of your time to talk about your ideas because it is only by speaking to people who knew the couple that can help us understand what had happened.

About the interview

I will not ask you many questions and there is not set format to our interview. I will prefer that it is a conversation in which you relate your thoughts and ideas. There is no right or wrong way of talking about your experience – everything you say is important to me. The interview will take about 1 hour.

I would like to use a tape recorder during the interview. The tape is necessary because I would not be able to take notes during the interview. Confidentiality is assured. The tapes will not have your name on and it will be stored in a safe place. I will record our conversation from the tape and your information will be put together with information from other interviews and at the end there will be no way of identifying who said what. The police will not be able to access the information you provide as it is confidential and cannot be used in court.

Confidentiality

All information that you give us will be treated confidentially. Instead of using your name we will use a code when we are looking at the information that you give us. No one apart from my colleagues and I will know that it is you who talked. I will be interviewing 15-20 cases here in and around Cape Town. We will combine all the information from all our interviews to assist us in gaining a better understanding of what happens in cases when a woman is killed by her partner.

Why We Have Chosen You?

We had conducted a national study on female homicide in 2002 & 2003. We identified cases via mortuaries throughout the country this case was one of the cases we reviewed. The perpetrator has been interviewed in prison and he has provided us with permission to approach you for an interview. We will also be speaking to other families and friends who a have been through a similar experience.

Consent

You do not have to agree to answer to participate in this study. It is OK if you do not want to be interviewed. We will not tell anyone that you did not want to be interviewed. If you agree to answer the questions I will read out a consent form to you and ask you to sign it to say that you agree to being interviewed.

My Contact Details

If you have any further questions now or after the research please me:

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STUDY OF UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIAL CONTEXT OF INTIMATE FEMICIDE IN SOUTH AFRICA

CONSENT FORM: (Relatives and Friends)

Hello, my name is .....I am from the Medical Research Council in Cape Town. I now want to ask your formal permission to interview you about your thoughts and ideas about the murder of a person you knew well. I am undertaking this research to help us understand the reasons for women being killed by an intimate partner. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. Also you may choose to stop the interview at any time or not to answer any question that you do not want to answer. If you choose not to participate in this interview today, there will be no negative consequences for the perpetrator in anyway. This information will be used to develop recommendations for organisations who deliver services to couples and families who are experiencing relationship problems. This interview will take about 1 hour. I will leave you with an information sheet, which has my contact numbers if you want to contact us at anytime to ask for more information about the research. It will also have the numbers of some organizations that can assist you to deal with your feelings about the murder.

Do you have any questions that you would like answered?

If you are agree to participate in this study interview I would like to ask you to sign this consent form below.

I.....on this.....day of ..... 2005, agree to be interviewed for the study on "understanding the social context of intimate femicide in South Africa "–. I understand that I will be talking about my thoughts and ideas of why the murder occurred.

Signed..... Witness ....

Date.....

Consent for use of tape recorder

I.....on this.....day of ..... 2005, agree for the tape recorder to be used during the interviewed for the study on "understanding the social context of intimate femicide in South Africa "–. I understand that it will be used for the purposes of the research only.

Signed.....

Witness ....
Date.....