

Statement made by Jessica Shah in response to the inquest judgement into Sasha-Lee's murder

19 March 2024: Dear family and friends. I wear blue today because Justice has been served for the murder of my precious daughter, Sasha Lee Monique Shah was murdered by her ex boyfriend at Gateway Mall on 30 October 2022.

A formal inquest was held and judgement was passed yesterday. Based on facts and evidence, it is on official Court record that my precious child was murdered by her ex-boyfriend Kyle Inderlall.

After my child was murdered her character was defamed by Milekha Inderlall-Ruttu who made statements to the Press that on the day of the murder my child called Kyle Inderlall, they had lunch together at Gateway Mall and drove together in one vehicle. In a statement by someone representing the Inderlall family it was said that both Sasha Lee and Kyle were found dead at Gateway”.

The truth has been told and my child's character has been restored. There were 3 witnesses to the murder and according to the key witness my child entered Gateway Mall around 4:30pm in her own vehicle. They (the key witness and Sasha-Lee) did some shopping and had dinner together. When they got to my daughters vehicle, my daughter was in the drivers seat and as the witness was getting into my daughters vehicle, Kyle Inderlall approached my daughter. The witness asked my daughter if she must get help and my daughter nodded YES. Whilst the witness ran for help she heard the first gun shot and thereafter multiple gun shots. Detectives who were on scene and in charge of the investigation confirmed that they viewed the video footage of the murder, that Kyle Inderlall arrived in his vehicle, left a suicide note and Kyle Inderlall's licensed firearm was used to murder my child. Gun residue and Ballistic reports confirm their statements.

Based on facts and evidence the Captain in charge of the Domestic Violence unit at Phoenix Police Station has been referred to the National Directorate of Public Prosecutions for further investigations due to negligence as she failed to remove the firearm as per the Magistrates instructions on my daughters interim protection order against Kyle Inderlall. The question which needs to be answered is “why was his firearm not removed?”.

I am so grateful for the support I received from Lisa Vetten GBV researcher, Adele Kirsten Director of Gun Free South Africa, Advocate Brenda Madumise Wise for Africa and her Associates, Intaba Security for Bodyguards who escorted me to Court, Cookie Edwards KZN Network on Violence, Audrey Anderson, Family & friends who accompanied me to Court, all those who have prayed and the prayer team who interceded whilst I was in court awaiting judgement.

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