

MURDERED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

And THIS is how they did it!



By

MIDO MACIA made the mistake of arguing with the SAPS about parking his taxi. In clear video evidence in the hands of Daily Sun, the Mozambican is tied to the back of a police van and dragged down the street. But still not satisfied, they took him to the cop shop where, say other inmates, they beat him to death!

When the trouble started a large crowd gathered around the taxi at a busy Daveyton, Ekurhuleni market. The video shows the 27-year-old Macia being assaulted by cops. Amid pleas for mercy from the crowd, the man is tied up with his back to the vehicle, his hands in the back of the van. Then he is driven away, dragging behind the cop van. The video now becomes blurred as the hands of the photographer, running behind the van, are shaking.

When the SunTeam went to the Daveyton police cells to find out what had happened to Macia, prisoners told Daily Sun what they saw.

"These cops must not try and speak nicely to you," shouted an inmate.

"They killed him. They beat him up so badly in here." Yesterday some community members protested in front of the police station.

A woman who witnessed the beating said she saw a taxi driver hooting for passengers when a police van arrived.

"They argued with Macia and then they beat him up," she said. She said a cop drove his Toyota Avanza to the cop shop and then came back with a police van.

"They handcuffed him to the back of the van and slammed the door in his face. With blood running down his face they drove off," she said.

"He was in pain, he cried and asked the cops to stop but they continued anyway."

Another man who also wants to remain anonymous said:

"If he was parked on the wrong side of the road, they were supposed to give him a ticket, not kill him." Macia's older sister, Rose Macia (29) could not speak as she was still devastated. Macia's cousin, Carlos Mthimkhulu (29) said he lived with his cousin. He said his cousin was a good person who did not smoke and only drank occasionally.

"This thing really hurt us as a family," he said. National spokesman of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) said in a statement that during the fighting the driver allegedly assaulted the constable and took his firearm. Captain Alfred Nakana said according to the statement, some community members took a firearm from a cop during the incident, but the cop managed to get the firearm back, after backup was called to the scene.

"The man died in custody and an inquest has been opened."

"The warrant officer overpowered the taxi driver and handed the firearm back to his colleague," said the statement. According to the statement,

"The policemen put the resisting suspect into the back of the police van and took him to

the police station where he was detained. The taxi driver was found dead at about 21.15 by another police officer." The post mortem, according to the statement, said the cause of death was found to be head injuries with internal bleeding. The dead man also had other injuries.

"The IPID is also investigating allegations that the deceased was dragged on the road with the police vehicle. The docket has since been changed to murder," said the statement.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=492373100818260> to watch the shocking video.