

# Tatane family suing police - report

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Johannesburg - The family of protester Andries Tatane is suing the police for compensation for his widow and two children, the SABC news reported on Monday.

Lawyers for Tatane's family filed a compensation lawsuit for loss of support and emotional damage, according to the report.

Tatane died on 13 April 2011, after police used rubber bullets and batons to subdue him during a service delivery protest in Ficksburg.

The trial received huge media attention when footage of Tatane's assault was broadcast nationally.

On 28 March, the Ficksburg Regional Court acquitted seven policemen accused of Tatane's death.

Regional Magistrate Hein van Niekerk found the State could not prove its case of murder and assault beyond reasonable doubt.