



# MURDERED TO AVOID PAPGELD

Justice has finally been served for this heartbroken mom whose ex is behind bars for hiring a hitman to kill their son

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**H**E WAS the apple of his mother's eye, the brilliant boy who was top of his class and wanted to study medicine at the University of Cape Town after finishing school.

Jane Leteane (42) was unemployed so she did the only thing she could think of to secure her son's future: she applied for future maintenance from his estranged father to cover the university fees.

Little did she know that by doing so she was digging her beloved boy's grave.

Sixteen-year-old Kearabetswe Leteane was shot and killed in April 2017 in the backroom of his grandparents' home in Thaba Nchu in the Free State.

His father, Tebogo Molatole (47), a former teacher, was arrested soon afterwards, along with his wife, Kelebogile (49). The pair was convicted of murder, for hiring a hitman to kill the teenager to avoid paying maintenance.

According to Kearabetswe's heartbroken mother, she went to the Thaba Nchu magistrate's court to apply for the future maintenance when she learnt her child's father had taken early retirement.

At the time, Tebogo was paying R800 a month in child support and Jane asked for R200 000 from his pension fund.

"The money wasn't for me," she tells DRUM.

"He was supposed to understand that it was for the benefit of his child. And it was his responsibility to take care of his son."

But Tebogo became bitter and angry after she applied for future maintenance, she claims.