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## SENIOR UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS TRAVEL TO JOHANNESBURG TO MEET WITH POLICE AND FAMILY OF MISSING STUDENT

A delegation of senior University of Fort Hare (UFH) officials has travelled to Johannesburg to meet with the police and the family of Ms Thandolwethu Rose Ngolo who has been reported missing.

At this stage it is unclear when exactly the 22-year-old 3<sup>rd</sup> year Bachelor of Education student went missing. Her aunt last saw her on 13 July 2019, in Tembisa, Johannesburg. According to a report from a friend, she was last contactable on 18 August 2019.

The university was informed of her disappearance on 4 September 2019 by the Student Affairs department and fellow students and friends. Immediately after receiving the report, the Student Accommodation Officer and some Student Representative Council (SRC) members contacted Ngolo's family.

A missing person case was opened with the police on the same day (4 September), and since then, the university has been in constant contact with the family. Posters were put up in and around the university's campuses in Alice and East London. We have also posted on all university communication platforms (including social media) to assist with the search.

We appeal to anyone who might know or have information on Thandolwethu Ngolo's whereabouts to contact the police or call 0795839442.

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