



# Media Release

## **e Press Release: 3rd Degree - Killer Moms**

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**When a teen mother pleaded on television for her baby boy's abductor to return him safely, the nation's hearts went out to her.**

But in a bizarre turn of events, it turned out that the baby was not abducted - his mother had in fact abandoned him, left him to die under a rusted piece of zinc.

Mothers dumping or killing their babies has become all too common in the Western Cape. 550 babies were abandoned in just one year. Their primary caregivers discard them, in drains, toilets and dustbins.

This week 3rd Degree looks at the spike in mothers who kill their own children. We investigate what drives a mother to take such an extreme step.

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