



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**e Press Release: 3rd Degree - Lesbians are targeted and terrorised in townships**

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Lesbians are targeted and terrorised in townships across the country. Some young men believe lesbians should be raped to correct their homosexuality. Others beat and kick them, accusing them of “stealing their girlfriends”.

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree tells the harrowing stories of several women on the east rand, whose lives have been ripped apart by intolerant and violent thugs.

But it's not only township youths who perpetuate this violence. 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree reveals how some members of the SAPS are complicit in the hatred and intolerance.

Homophobia is rampant and many men are vocal about their hate for lesbians. One man told us, “These gay things should be killed.”

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree asks: Are gay and lesbian rights worth the paper they're written on?

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