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**e Press Release: 3rd Degree - The Soul Beneath The Fat**  
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Gordon Hartley or Big G was South Africa's heaviest man when he was introduced to viewers on 3rd Degree earlier this year. He weighed a staggering 350kg and his fat was literally killing him.

Despite efforts to get Big G fit and healthy in preparation for gastric bypass surgery, he couldn't control his eating habits and he ballooned to a massive 440 kilograms. Eventually his body collapsed and he was rushed to ICU. A month later he passed way from chronic heart failure.

But what really went on in the months leading to his death? In an exclusive interview, his girlfriend and ex-wife speak out about the man who controlled their every move, who got what he wanted through intimidation and punishment. He ruled his bizarre family from his bed, deciding what they should wear and what they could spend. Despite his morbidly obese state, the family gave in to his every whim – even when he wanted a six-pack of beer, 36 vetkoek and 20 pastries!

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