

## **Man, 52, is beaten to death by vigilantes after girl, seven, falsely claimed she had been raped by a neighbour in South Africa**

**Innocent 52-year-old was dragged into street and killed by a mob in South Africa**

**Mava Fundakubi was attacked amid false allegations that he raped a girl, seven**

**Investigators said an examination had found that the child had not been raped**

**Youngster's 36-year-old father has been arrested and charged over the murder**

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A South African man has been beaten to death by vigilantes after a seven-year-old girl claimed she had been raped – only for tests to show she had not been sexually abused.

The innocent 52-year-old, named as Mava Fundakubi, was dragged into the street and killed by a mob in Motherwell, Port Elizabeth, amid erroneous allegations that he had attacked the child.

Investigators later said an examination had established that the youngster had not been raped or sexually assaulted.



**A man was beaten to death by vigilantes in Motherwell (file picture), Port Elizabeth after a seven-year-old girl claimed she had been raped – only for tests to show she had not been sexually abused**

Officers launched a manhunt for the vigilantes and say the girl's father has been arrested and charged over the murder, according to *Times Live*.

The 36-year-old is said to have handed himself in to police claiming he had gone to Fundakubi's house and attacked him after others had joined him.

Motherwell Cluster Commander Major General Dawie Rabie warned that vigilantism would not be tolerated.

'An innocent man was killed by [the] community based on a rumour and did not even wait to verify the truth of it,' he said, according to *The Citizen*.

'We are urging our communities to give information of suspected crimes to the police and not to take the law into their own hands.

'The persons involved were killers and the police and the law will treat them as killers. I am urging our community to identify these killers in order for the law to be enforced and these murderers to be brought before court.'

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6623899/Man-beaten-death-vigilantes-girl-7-falsely-claimed-raped-South-Africa.html>