

Version of events according to Siyanda Mati (student no.) – student at Cullen Bowles.

Siyanda and Amanda Tweyi (student no. 12t2618) {deceased} [student at Rosa Parks] – were in the same Hall – Kimberley and therefore knew each other from the dining hall. They became friendly last Saturday, 19 April 2014, when Siyanda requested her contact details. He invited her as a friend on facebook last Saturday. He also invited her to a friend's birthday party, but she declined and they only communicated on facebook.

She then decided to visit Siyanda at Cullen Bowles the evening of 19 April and they visited on the balcony at the residence. They then walked up to the monument and immediately felt comfortable in each other's company. They spent most nights from 20 April to 25 April in Siyanda's residence room from 19h30 – 12 midnight.

Amanda told Siyanda that she had an ex-boyfriend who did not want to accept the break up. She explained that she had broken up with him as he was abusive and a 'control freak'. She also stated that she was scared of him.

On Friday 25 April – the ex-boyfriend (referred to as Kosinati – an older man from King Williams Town) came to Grahamstown to see Amanda. Amanda told Siyanda that Kosinati was in town. Siyanda reported that he didn't see Amanda on Friday afternoon as she had a practical. They saw each other after supper where Siyanda encouraged Amanda to stay with a friend Cindy. Amanda refused and requested to be with Siyanda, as she was scared of Kosinati. Kosinati contacted Siyanda while Amanda was with him but Amanda did not take the calls. Siyanda reports that the last call from Kosinati to Amanda was around 11pm. Amanda spent the night in Siyanda's room. They watched a movie on her laptop.

At around 3am Saturday 26 April, Nati (a first year Cullen Bowles student knocked on Siyanda's door and asked that he open). He stated that a guy was looking for him. Nati was very persistent. Amanda was scared and so Siyanda 'hid' Amanda under his bed and hid her belongings and lap top.

When he opened the door Kosinati entered looking for Amanda. Kosinati, according to Siyanda was calm. He told Kosinati that Amanda was not in the room and escorted him out of the residence. Siyanda manually locked the entrance door to Cullen Bowles. Siyanda also assumed that Nati must have opened for Kosinati and that Nati showed Kosinati where his room was.

At about 6am, Kosinati knocked on the door and insisted that Siyanda open. Again Siyanda hid Amanda and opened the door. Siyanda stated that Kosinati seemed calm but that when Kosinati noticed Amanda in the room, Siyanda fled the room to go get help from his warden. As he was still trying to access his warden's assistance, he then found a sub-warden and requested help. At this point Siyanda heard two gun shots.

The sub-warden and Ms Botha (the warden's wife then went to Siyanda's room and requested that Siyanda remain outside the room). At this point Siyanda sought the assistance of his friends.