MATHE
IS DEAD!

RIP or good riddance
to this killer
and rapist?

END OF
THE ROAD:
Convicted
murderer
and rapist
Anania
Mathe.
Photo by
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Ananias Mathe

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No sympathy for killer!

Readers say it's just another escape plan

Some of the comments were as follows:

- Tendi Xhakum: "He killed bread-wonners and left their children to live in poverty. No sympathy for a serial killer."
- Thokozile Makhene: "I don't trust him. He's not the dying type, it's another escape plan."
- Mbonisi Mpho: "Don't trust that guy, he's capable of anything. He might wake up in the mortuary!"
- Joel Cwachans: "He's my homeboy but honestly, I don't feel sorry for him. He enjoyed being a criminal and now he must burn in hell. You reap what you sow."
- NJ Tshapla: "Finally we will feel safe at home. Please cremate his body to make sure he's gone for good."
- Lubaphelo Dole: "The world is a better place without him. He never deserved to live with other human beings. Bloody scumbag, go to hell."
- Sipho Skosana: "I'm not buying it for a second. He can use vaseline again to escape from hell."
- Akhom Mbevula: "This man cannot be buried in South Africa. He will still rape and kill, even when he's a ghost."

Mathe died on Tuesday afternoon at King Edward VIII Hospital in Durban, KZN. He had been suffering from a digestive issue for the past three months.

Mathe, who was known as the Houdini of C-Max, made many escape attempts and managed to break out of two of South Africa's most secure prisons. He made national news in 2005 when he became the first person ever to escape from the maximum security C-Max prison in Tshwane.

Mathe was believed to have stripped and covered his body with vaseline to enable him to climb out of a bulletproof window in his cell which measured just 20cm by 60cm.

He managed to break through the wall surrounding the window despite prisoners having very few belongings and being shackled at all times.

He apparently took a steel pipe from his bed and made a hook. He then tied his clothes and bed linen to it before sliding down the firewall. Halfway down, he wrote "I'm sorry" in grime on the wall. He was caught a month later.

Mozambican-born Mathe also managed to escape from Joburg Central Police Station's high-risk detention facility in 2005. Earlier this year, he tried to break out of eMbonweni C-Max Prison in Kokstad, KZN, for the second time. He apparently managed to saw off the bars in his cell and break a window before being bust.