

Tambudzai Tichagwa
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Chipuwa Primary School
Mkwesine
Chiredzi

23 January 2026

Dr. Rufaro Machiri
Person in charge of the deceased

Dear Dr,

**RE: THE LATE MUTUMWA DZIVA MAWERE, REQUEST FOR A PRIVATE
AUTOSPY AND NOTIFICATION OF HIS BURIAL SITE**

1. The above matter refers.
2. Please be advised that I address you in your capacity as the person who took charge of the body of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere who died at Johannesburg on 15 January 2026
3. My full names are Tambudzai Tichagwa (born Mawere) and I am a sister to the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere in that our fathers were siblings, namely:
 - 3.1. My father was the late Jonax Fambisai Mawere, the first born the late Manzunzu Mawere.
 - 3.2. The father of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere was Pisirai Mawere who was the second male son for Manzunzu Mawere.

4. The late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere was born on 11 January 1960 and I was born on 19 September 1961 and we grew up together as children in the Mawere Manzunzu's family.
5. My attention has been drawn to the fact that as at 23 January 2026 there is a Burial Notice publication circulating on social media depicting the picture of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere ("May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace") to the effect that:

The Mawere Family announces the burial of their beloved son, brother and patriarch Mutumwa Dziva Mawere the burial service as follows:

Date : Monday, 26 2026

Time : 9am

Venue : Fourways Memorial Park

Chapel: Fourways Memorial Park Chapel

Family and friends are kindly requested to be seated in the chapel **8:45am**
Your presence, prayers and support during this time of farewell are deeply appreciated

May His Soul Rest in eternal peace.

6. The Burial Notice publication has not been generated from a Mawere belongs to the Mawere Dziva Hove Totem family clan. The tradition of the family is that upon death the family members are buried in Zimbabwe and just like Joseph in Genesis and Exodus in the Bible the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere shall be repatriated from the Republic of South to the Republic of Zimbabwe.
7. The Mawere Dziva Hove Totem clan's position remains that the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere shall be buried at the exclusive burial site located in Mawere Village, Gutu District, Masvingo Province in the Republic of Zimbabwe. This position is final and beyond any agenda for for any negotiation.

8. With this being the position, allow me to address you as the person who took charge of the body of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere on a date unknown to the Mawere Dziva Hove Totem.
9. The late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere deserves the dignity of a respectable burial and you are placing his good name into disrepute. It is in bad taste that after you took charge of his body different burial dates have been advertised.
10. As the person in charge of the deceased you have also allowed publications to be made in terms whereof members of the public solicit for contributions to be made to fund his funeral. As a family we have not advertised for contributions to be made to fund for the burial of one of our own.
11. With immediate effect you are requested to take all the necessary steps to stop any further publications in terms whereof the name of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere is the subject of any information which has not be generated by an individual who belongs to the Mawere Dziva Hove Totem.
12. Enough is enough and if you had not taken possession of the body of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere the current nonsense would not have been the order of the day.
13. As a family we have taken exception to the fact that you have allowed strangers to the family to make public answers to the effect that Mutumwa Dziva Mawere is going to be buried at Fourways in Johannesburg in South Africa.
14. The strangers who are involved include your mother, namely Irene Machiri (born Sithole) and brother Gerald Amos Machiri who has never buried any member of the Mawere Dziva Hove Totem before.
15. To make matters worse by virtue of the gross abuse of your professional oath of office you have allowed Nomusa Ramushu and Tichaona Mupasiri to conduct themselves as persons who have a claim of right to the body of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere.

16. Before you allowed your mother, your brother, Nomusa Ramushu, Tichaona Mupasiri and Shaudzirai Mudekunya to take the control of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere you never consulted anyone who belongs to the Mawere's Dziva totem.
17. At all times material hereto, you had the full knowledge that the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere had never cohabitated with Nomusa Ramushu but despite that knowledge you have allowed Nomusa Ramushu to parade herself as having been in a partnership with my brother to the tune of 44 years.
18. I have been advised that whilst you were at Edenvale Hospital in Johannesburg in South Africa in June 2024 you rightly advised your mother that "it was not appropriate to impose a wife on Sekuru Mutumwa"
19. Despite having cautioned your mother against imposing any woman on the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere you have allowed your mother to hold Nomusa Ramushu as a woman who had a claim of right to my late brother.
20. Despite being a medical doctor, you allowed Nomusa Ramushu to dictate that Mutumwa Dziva Mawere was discharged from the Endenvale Hospital and be admitted at the Netcare Medical Rehabilitation Hospital.
21. How could you as professional doctor allow a cunning female employed as a Manager at an insurance company dictate and direct the location of the hospital where my brother was supposed to be admitted.
22. I have been advised that whilst you were present my brother Shavirai Piniel Mawere said Mutumwa was not supposed to be discharged but you allowed Nomusa Ramushu to boss the discharge of my late brother Mutumwa from the Endenvale Hospital by allowing Nomusa Ramushu who is not qualified in the practice of medicine saying that **"I will not allow Mutumwa to spend another day at the hospital"**
23. It cannot be right that you allowed the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere to spend a miserable life and you cannot impose upon him the indignity of funeral where your mother deposes to affidavits to the effect that Mutumwa was a street kid from about the age of 10 years.

24. The Maweres are a soft people but please you should not confuse that with stupidity and you shouldn't continue trying us any further.
25. At the moment I am boiling and you should not allow me to explode because you share the same line of mothers with my brothers. The nonsense which has taken place to date cannot be allowed to continue because your family cannot be allowed to capture my brother Mutumwa both in life and death.
26. Perhaps I should reserve the venom which is boiling at this stage to another day but please you should not confuse what has happened before with stupidity. As a medical doctor you knew that my brother Mutumwa required an MRI as far back as March 2025 but you allowed your mother, brother, Nomusa Ramushu and Tichaona Mupasiri to manufacture a case to the effect that Mutumwa was malnourished.
27. Furthermore, for a period of close to one year you allowed your mother, brother, Nomusa, and Tichaona to restrict visitation access rights to Mutumwa Dziva Mawere.
28. What kind of a doctor are you for you to have allowed as well as continue to allow for your mother, brother and Mupasiri to hold Mutumwa hostage.
29. As medical doctor you have allowed the Mawere family to be ridiculed when Mutumwa required you to take a firm stand in the matter and my late brother's life was in your hands.
30. As late as 23 January 2026 in your capacity as medical doctor you allowed Mr. Alex Mawere to be made a public ridicule tarnishing his good name internationally.
31. It is high time I should step in and bring your mother's criminality not to continue and I am not saying anything different from what I told your mother when she called my brother Vincent's number last week.
32. I told your mother that she cannot involve herself in the burial of my brother Mutumwa and I highlighted to her that she should limit herself to solving the problems in the Machiri family. Let me not be provoked any further.

33. I might end up going on and one but on account of the urgency of the matter I am making the final demand as outlined below.
34. In your capacity as a medical doctor, you have abused the ethical values of the health professional service industry who are required to conduct themselves at any given time as persons guided and governed by the Constitution of South Africa being the law which remains the supreme law of the country.
35. Having said the foregoing, the following final demand is made to you with the demand taking effect with immediate effect:
- 35.1. You must take all the necessary steps for a private autopsy to be conducted by the pathologist who has been identified by the Mawere Dziva Hove Totem Family by Forensic Pathologist.
- 35.2. Provide the forensic pathologist all the medical reports generated in respect of Mutumwa Dziva Mawere for the period 27 March 2025 to 15 January 2026.
36. To contact the Forensic Pathologist who has been identified by the Mawere Dziva Hove Totem as being Dr. Hestelle van Staden.
37. You are hereby directed to contact her through her affiliation with Wits University using the general number **+27 11 717 1000** or **Mobile Number 0828784853** look for specific faculty contacts for Forensic Medicine at Wits, as she's known for her work in forensic pathology and legal training in South Africa.
38. You can also contact her through her email and copy the contents of the email for my attention. Note that Dr. Hestelle van Staden has indicated that you can call her on Monday, 26 January 2026 during office hours. Her email her email in order for you to email the medical records she requires with a view of making the medico legal report meaningful is:

hestelleh01@gmail.com

39. Note that the Mawere Dziva Hove Totem Family hereby tender the costs that shall be associated with the private autopsy expenses.
40. I almost burst when your brother sent me a voice message today saying that your family does not want to be taken to the courts and that people should sit down to talk.
41. Note that I took exception to the voice message because you cannot play double standards by seeking to negotiate outside the courts but proceed to commit fraud within the courts.
42. We are not a family of fools and at every stage you have allowed your family to commit fraud under your watch. Note that Shavirai Piniel Mawere is not the only lawyer in the greater Mawere family claim hence me say this letter has been written with the benefit of the legal assistance from the other lawyers who are in the clan.
43. The uncle who was involved in the interventions to achieve a speed recovery was Sekuru Khotiwane Sithole who invested to the tune of eight (8) months at 62 Cambridge Road, Brynaston in Johannesburg and until his death as a family we will not have business talking to the Machiris and Mudekunyis in his absence. In short, as you allowed Mutumwa's house to be defiled we have no place where we can sit and discuss this matter in the Republic of South Africa. No member of our family shall be setting foot at the house which is currently under your control and suppose you decide to take the route of settling the matter through settlement then when you come to Mawere Village in Gutu Village, Masvingo, Zimbabwe then you will be required to make the following people available in attendance:
- 43.1. Khotiwane Sithole.
- 43.2. Denford Kasambara Muhamba.
44. In order for you to prepare in good time please be advised that the Mawere family shall not take the possession of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere's body **without a court order** with the following terms and conditions:
- 44.1. You must take all the necessary steps to institute urgent High Court proceedings seeking for the relief to hand over the body of the late Mutumwa

Dziva to the Mawere Dziva Hove Term citing all the people mentioned in this letter as parties with a substantial interest in the matter.

- 44.2. Make the necessary arrangements to deliver the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere's clothes to Mawere Village, Gutu Village, Masvingo Province in Zimbabwe more particularly because in your capacity as a medical doctor you allowed strangers to the family to defile the house with the result that it will be an abomination for the Mawere family to enter into a house where:
 - 44.2.1. You uprooted Mutumwa against his wishes with the result that he was bundled onto an ambulance stretcher whilst he was shading tears in front of your mother.
 - 44.2.2. With your full knowledge the Mawere family vacated the house after your mother and her conspirators organised intruders to vandalize the house.
 - 44.2.3. You have allowed the Mawere family name to be defamed when you should have take steps to stop the defamatory publication from tarnishing our good name.
 - 44.2.4. My brothers were acting in good faith but you allowed Tichaona to subject my brother to judicial persecution for no good cause.
 - 44.2.5. You failed Mutumwa during his life and you have now allowed him to be defiled in his death.
- 44.3. The urgent court proceedings must be served by not later than the close of business on **Friday, 30 January 2026** and in the event, you do not know how to navigate this process then further discussions can be taken on the matter.
45. The Mawere family has now gotten tired of this case which arose on account of your dishonourable professional and unethical conduct. In the premises, the resultant resolution

that has been made by the Mawere Dziva Hove Totem is that my brother shall be buried at Mawere Village in the Republic of Zimbabwe where he will join his father and forefathers in resting.

46. For the sake of transparency all the parties with a substantial interest in the matter are copied with the contents of this email, namely:

- 46.1. Dr. Irene Machiri.
- 46.2. Shaudzirai Mudekunye.
- 46.3. Nomusa Ramushu.
- 46.4. Tichaona Mupasiri
- 46.5. Gerald Machiri.
- 46.6. Mapetere Vincent Dziva Mawere.
- 46.7. Shaviai Piniel Mawere.
- 46.8. Alex Mawere.
- 46.9. Zororo Phumulani Funeral Home.
- 46.10. Joseph Mudekunye.

47. We trust that as the Responsible Person in charge of the body of the late Mutumwa Dziva Mawere's body you shall find this request to be acceptable and it is hoped that you shall not make it necessary for the Mawere Dziva Hove Totem to demonstrate that the families in this matter are not related in the manner we shall henceforth be prosecuting the issues at hand.
48. As a family we might consider settling the matter at hand amicably on the terms and conditions as stipulated above suppose you are prepared to meet the **"present final written demand."**
49. At the end of the day, and more particularly in the interim, we remain a family but however as members of the Mawere families' rights remain strictly reserved.
50. When you believe nothing will be impossible. Certainly, it will not be easy but God will fight the war for us. Stay Blessed.

Yours faithfully

Transmitted electronically hence not manually signed.
Tambudzai Tichagwa (born Mawere).

Cc: Mawere Hove Dziva Totem family.