

KWAZULU-NATAL ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

**Second interview with Stanley Mbambo,
conducted by Ruth Lundie on 15 September 1998.**

(‘L’ shall signify the interviewer and ‘M’ the interviewee)

L: This is the continuation of an interview with Stanley Mbambo of Mpophomeni on the 15th of September 1998. We had ended where Stanley had been put in the cells by the police but had managed to get our because as they introduced other prisoners, they left the cell door open.

M: So after that we left that cell open I get out to get out of there - you know I phoned - the church. We pleading stay in church we not going to see us out now and they counting that people who ? with and the shopstewards. Everybody was ? So as you were mentioning that there can't be a people, they not want to see the plans, the supporters of these people to come to the cemetery. They need only the family to go there. Because of ? we not like to see the funeral being as a family - we need to assist them as we try to...

L: Of course.

M: Murdering those people. So, ? the day, the ? police they harass me, they that Mr Comrade Harry Gwala must know the part of the - that human? And other people - they from other areas - Durban, Maritzburg, Johannesburg, they won't be - enter the Mpophomeni township on that day. They stop them in Howick and Merrivale because of they not want the other people to be a part of

L: ...supporting you?

M: Ja. Ja. So people were angry about all those things 'till - 'till now - as we are the comrades. we meet the other time - the other place to talk about the thing that was happened on the islands on that time. We see that we are not happy as we hear that the government - but they - they had people who will go to the Truth Commission to see what was did to these

1 people..they want to forgive.

2 L: That is very interesting - I'm glad you're making that comment. yes.

3 M: Yes, as we know that we are very angry in what we are suffering that we look at the situation
4 - the present time to see that the family is supposed to go to the Truth Commission to
5 present. We decide what we want to have that professionally - the ? guy there to come and
6 make the truth. amnesty or forgive. We cut that - the expenses of the person who was killed
7 and the police or the government nothing would be guilt for doing what was ? kill a person
8 and the case was going on and the police - the white police station they find that people from
9 the Inkhatha - they killed people. That case wasn't ...

10 L: It was never dealt with?

11 M: Nothing, uhu. Even those families they lost their members and they have nothing - they are
12 not staying...

13 L: They lost their wage earners - they lost everything...

14 M: A lot of people still get salary, ? was left with small kids - no one to support those kids
15 because as I said we friends - we are not working - we get nothing to support their wives and
16 their brothers they have nothing to do with the kids. You see that those people they go to the
17 Truth Commission - on the way to applying for the compensation on which the Truth
18 Commission they can give him - a person who trying now her best, ?? to persevere in the
19 court to do the claim to the Chief Magistrate to tell him because they will be responsible for
20 these people...

21 L: This is really good..

22 M: ?...and the court - the people were crying there too..

23 L: Oh, I hadn't heard about that..

24 M: Yes, and the last time when - two weeks back, I contacting my mother here - but
25 unfortunately I had no respect..

26 L: Yes...

27 M: ...to ask him that he will go into the Truth Commission. What he say? at the time of 19? the
28 Truth Commission - because they had - we received the letters from the Truth Commission..

29 L: I remember...

- 1 M: ...that those people were trained by Inkhatha in Karkloof, the one which we asking the
2 amnesty. ? those people.
- 3 L: ?the IFP who lives here?
- 4 M: ..but Dan Ntuli was given that amnesty and we are trying to ask in the lawyer because we
5 look at that - these people that go to Truth Commission to hear the precis - without applying
6 any - anything to the assist themself...
- 7 L: Yes, quite.
- 8 M: ... that is a problem to me. And my lawyer he advised me that people they turn go away and
9 hear what Dan Luthuli? Told them ? Randolph saying in the Truth Commission on the night.
10 I've got heard today - ? getting those coins - to ? with that killing of compensation, we ask
11 him to be called and push him forward - so I said 'Okay, I might throw the ? coin.' Because
12 we - we know that the families disappointed of what was happening.
- 13 L: Of course.
- 14 M: We said we nced to go there and coming back to seek ? with the lawyers.
- 15 L: Yes so that you could - you could pay, yes?
- 16 M: That - that Truth Commission we was supposed to be placed at Hammersdale and we tried
17 to ask Luthuli if he had no chances to stop that because it's too far for us.
- 18 L: Yes, it is - halfway to Durban, yes.
- 19 M: He was told us he's generally short of time. He can't apply now - you can..
- 20 L: Yes, because it is fading out?
- 21 M: Yes, we can go there and ? coming back to see that you asking me ? said to me 'Okay, we
22 must go there and talk with that Chairman of that Truth Commission.' And then I enter
23 Hammersdale and tell them the problem of this foreign study. I said 'Okay I will try my best
24 to go there.'
- 25 L: Yes, you should.
- 26 M: And that day I wake up early in the morning to get the taxis there - there is a big problem
27 now if you call me a coward - you were facing a lot of...
- 28 L: You went to ? from the library?
- 29 M: Ja, we bad to walk ? So I tried to get a taxi, I take one of the shop stewards - that was ?

- 1 Nzimande and we go there and try telling me I got some of my ? that I must take. Because
2 I want the witness that I won't go alone - I go with other person who can report...
- 3 L: Of course - yes, well that's it.
- 4 M: We find the taxi, we waiting, waiting on the road for ? the time is long - the time is going -
5 when we arriving in Hammersdale - that taxi - they not going where they're going - we
6 asking the driver...
- 7 L: So you had another five rands to pay or something?
- 8 M: We go all over the township ...
- 9 L: Uhu, wasting time?
- 10 M: ? it was - asking me - who told you - who told us if we want to turn - go with the ?
- 11 L: Of course.
- 12 M: Yes. ? very hard with him to reaching this - when we arriving there we find - no, as I am
13 coming he show that there is a hall there - there's a lot of people...they said 'there is a nice
14 there.' If you looking, if you working with the people - you know I can come far there?
- 15 L: Yes, and you can see..
- 16 M: Other people they go - they ? (They speak at once)
- 17 L: I suppose they ? than some people.
- 18 M: The trouble is in the ? because you are old you keep following me - I'm running now - to
19 mention that place. When I'm coming, the police they close the - the gate . I said 'No, no,
20 no, I'm inside, I'm inside.'
- 21 L: Yes, quite right.
- 22 M: But I'm waiting for the money. I can't left to go...
- 23 L: No quite - of course you can't leave that.
- 24 M: I tell him 'just wait to that other man - we are inside the - coming out to see someone outside
25 here.' He said 'okay.' Then we are calling to come in slowly and then they close the gate.
26 But what was happening inside - the people of that - or the group of people do asking the
27 amnesty to other cases inside here - they fighting among themselves with ? Now they pull
28 us?...
- 29 L: It's not going to do their amnesty any good..

- 1 M: We still talking there - they're still talking the lie - they are lying to the people - someone
2 coming with the appointment - they killing that - so we - we look at that - or that
3 Commission was not a success. They said in September '...we'll be starting again..' They
4 didn't give me the date and ...
- 5 L: Place?
- 6 M: Place. But Mike Sabrina - that man who's alive after the accident - we was there inside -
7 I saw him at the payday Platinum Mine? and I ask him that - your mother told me that he was
8 in Gateway giving that Truth Commission, but he didn't know what date - but he
9 remembered the march.
- 10 L: We should be able to find out somewhere.
- 11 M: Ja, and my senior said to me 'He's supposed to find that - those people and take time and
12 come back to me because I'm waiting to go there because
- 13 L: You must go.
- 14 M: Because I 'phoned that Martin - that father didn't get him in the office to give him the ?
15 growing there. The I'm waiting to get my - I keep in touch with that Martin to see that he
16 ? and the money was going and he can represent us there, because we must go without the
17 lawyer there to seek advice on what I must do there and then I'm back to him. So as I'm
18 motioning that we need people to go there at the Truth Commission - not to accepting the
19 amnesty of those people - to try to get the point - the understanding that - expenses of that -
20 that - our people. So we rather see that on that side the Truth Commission to us is not an
21 issue, but it's a thing to realising that what people were thinking about - what they did - what
22 the message of the thing they did to us - so we supporting the government on the one side -
23 but on the other side we are criticising them.
- 24 L: Yes, you were saying 'this is the cost borne? by ordinary people.'
- 25 M: Yes, yes. So we saw that it - it - myself - what was happening in our area by the Inkhatha we
26 know that all the time they fighting to reaching that people to be a member of the - the union
27 they coming first and give us the really future of life...
- 28 L: ? You see I mean family justice were properly administered in the courts and quickly
29 administered in the courts.

- 1 M: Yes, yes. As we know that Inkhatha they failed to recruiting us we tell them 'no you're lying
 2 on the face of the people that we wouldn't get a place - this belong to them.' But other
 3 people they killed to tell us - they ? sleeping. We read the paper and we understand, okay -
 4 the government said here - the government said here - it was a government of deceivers, we
 5 can't join the government - your institution. Because we are the people - we want to turn
 6 over the government as we want the government ? talk (they speak at once).
- 7 L: But you see the Truth Commission isn't going to go on forever..
- 8 M: Yes.
- 9 L: And in September - we're in the middle of the month now ...
- 10 M: As they say to the people in September those people will be asking that amnesty - but I hear
 11 them - they were at Johannesburg..
- 12 L: You say the - the Joe Slovo's daughters were there?
- 13 M: Yes, ja, ja..
- 14 L: ... because of Noel Scolhand's wife joining ? little girls and they have got all the ? visas -
 15 whose had ? yes, ob yes...?
- 16 M: I know that? So we saw that as we deal with the matter of these people we rather know that
 17 we need people to assist us - as I don't want - I forgot this - as we ? shopsteward, we're
 18 facing the problem - we are not getting - having the same skills in the ...as we starting this
 19 trial 'till we ending the strike we having different ideas and other shop steward they go along
 20 with the people. As the people looking that the Union will play in the game with us - as we
 21 going to the end of this year, this case - cases - because they are perception - the people -
 22 huge amount of money - as we know that Professor from the University of Natal will do the
 23 research and estimating the money. The people - they consult him that research - if you
 24 trying to do the explanation of research as a research it's differ than the ? to presenting the
 25 people and the points of the people to the court. The Professor were coming to show that -
 26 the court - the situation of the area - 'Maritzburg area is the future - to see that on that time -
 27 that thing was - this time the thing is - in the future the thing we supposed to do and to put
 28 together all these tings and say 'Look in the numbers - 74 million - is the price.' But the court
 29 is not working like that so we find that as we had shop steward we having that differ

- 1 perception.
- 2 L: You haven't the skills because it's not your area..
- 3 M: Yes. So we - we like to - to - to see that as I am the person I know the God that gave me with
4 the ? if I'm looking you I'm looking him. I can't say if you in a problem because of you -
5 they don't care. They know that problem. In the meantime it happened to me - but the people
6 was mocking me like everyone. They not thinking as I'm thinking. I know as I'm living to
7 all these years - I didn't say I go to the place where I'm seeking employment but the people
8 they're having the things to come to me and say 'we want to share with you.' And the idea
9 of this ? and we said 'Oh, if I get the time.' Because what is important to me as the strike.
10 If you find that your house - I'm staying with the papers of the strike - I look at this - you
11 going to think about it - sometimes you may remember one person - no let me go to that
12 person to talk with this, to see that as we look at now - we're having this serious situation
13 here and we have understanding of all the people - but that things can't make us to be forget
14 what is happening. It would make us to look forward and see that what we was doing can -
15 in that present time - we not forget the future too of this thing. As I'm looking on the point
16 of history ? who were killed - which we still fighting for that...
- 17 L: Yes, you are...
- 18 M: The other side of that strike - we still want to fight and talk with the people - getting other
19 ideas - they would blame the union because they know the union is ourself, we employing
20 the organisers and of letters - we would have administrators to making our office work.
- 21 L: When are you having the celebration that you said for the ? have been organised for?
- 22 M: Well we are proposing that - if I'm not mistaken - we're proposing it in September.
- 23 L: Well, that's in two weeks time.
- 24 M: Yes..this polling...
- 25 L: ..is over?
- 26 M: ...achieved her goal for fundraising. If they not achieving that goal we can..
- 27 L: ...hold it a bit later.
- 28 M: ..a bit later yes..
- 29 L: Because that's a good opportunity when everyone is together.

- 1 M: Yes, yes, yes. That's why they proposing that celebration. We said 'No we are not
2 celebrating a victory as a victory, but we remember all the people was...
- 3 L: You are bringing all the people together - so that they in fact hear...
- 4 M: Ja, they proposing that we ...
- 5 L: Yes, no that's very good.
- 6 M: Yes. As we look at the harassment of the killing we get a - near '86 - to which...
- 7 L: It's very old now, yes...
- 8 M: ...we find the situation tense in the - in the area, which all the people was excited about that
9 killing. That killing was - I don't know the right way to putting that way - that killing was
10 organised...
- 11 L: It brought people together...
- 12 M: Yes...
- 13 L: Because they had a common grief.
- 14 M: Yes, yes.
- 15 L: They were mourning together.
- 16 M: We're looking the people who fight that point was made by the Union - if you don't fight the
17 women - you must come to bed.
- 18 L: No, it it joined people up.
- 19 M: Yes, yes. The people who was being fighting together we having a lot of attacks in
20 Mpophomeni concerning that strike. The killing of people - the innocent people in the
21 Howick town and people from areas - that - near Mpophomeni township was very ? you
22 know like areas on the hill - which were looking - that we are in the church and other they
23 vandalising the church because some of the contract was employed by the church, was
24 staying in the church. On that day those people they leave to their houses.
- 25 L: But I went to service there one very cold wet day where the various groups of Mpophomeni
26 people were reconciled to each other - do you remember that service?
- 27 M: Oh yes, yes, yes.
- 28 L: When was that - that was far more recently - that must have been about '95, or? '6?
- 29 M: Yes, ja, in '96, ja. On that time we was - as we were organising - as we're having the skills

1 to the organisation that all the place that were having that Inkhatha - will be in our union -
 2 they deploy us to those areas? to organise - not recruit - to organise those people with the
 3 facts - not saying 'join MAWU.' We tell them to fight your right, the qualities of your future
 4 is that - 'don't do this - don't do that, but think about your future and your family and the
 5 people.' At that time we - we organising all the venues that - in Mpophomeni - to - to make
 6 them to understand the problems - the source of the fight. We were visiting that Inkhataha
 7 and they kill the people there - and they organising the people to come and kill us - when it
 8 was at that time to call the mass meeting. We go round all the hills now and the people
 9 telling us that 'Big Brother was staying on top.' When we having the communication with
 10 them in Mpophomeni we told the people staying in Mashingeni, they came here. Afterwards
 11 that - that man - was Ntombela - the ...

12 L: One of the IFP guys?

13 M: IFP..

14 L: David Ntombela?

15 M: David Ntombela, yes, they are pushing the people in the wrong way to say they come and
 16 fight that time it just belong to Chief Buthelezi we came to the Indians as we found that
 17 afterwards - we learnt that he was born in Howick. Ja, he knows us, we talk with the thing
 18 that he know that a lot of people they came from Howick West to Mpophomeni - those
 19 people - Indian areas. So we know that s we're staying together - Inkhatha they come to split
 20 us to divide us to be frightened?

21 L: So this is still going on?

22 M: No, now there is big change. The people change this. As we fighting that Mpophomeni we
 23 stop fighting among themself - we told these people - because we trained for it but we won't
 24 train to kill - they know that as I'm coming with the group of people - they coming with an
 25 impi - the whole lots they coming down - they coming twenty or ten people at the bottom.
 26 We face them - they ran away - when we defend - we got one guy to them - we're coming
 27 back to ask him why those people told you to come. They tell us everything - after that we
 28 release them to go. They told them that side - they asking me questions - they hate me. It
 29 meant nothing to me? to see that we are trying to ? The other thing I won't forget that day

1 to myself is how...

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3 (End of First Side).

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6 (Second Side)

7 M: ...it was getting between us... or among us as a community - they tried to divide us ...

8 L: ??

9 M: Yes, they did that - as I have mentioned - one police who died was very, very happy when
10 he died. ? they divide us in the year - ? they came to me and make appointment because he
11 want to stop the people fighting. He had a diary - he was writing in the certain date that we
12 meet - standing by - I'm going to other strong person - I want to meet with you - everywhere -
13 one day I - I call the meeting - this way I want a joint meeting - from Howick to HaNkosi,
14 ? Hilton, and it was ? most area in town - ? because I want to say something to all the people.
15 I met with Terblanche ? he 'phoned me and make appointment - we want to meet with me -
16 but my tactics is I'm asking two people - I making sure that female and male.

17 L: You've got two companions?

18 M: ...to accompany me to that...

19 L: Of course - you mustn't be alone - no you couldn't be alone...

20 M: ..when I'm going to that place - they left those people outside and get inside they came to ask
21 'Stanley's here?' They said 'Yes.' 'We want him - can he come in?' I said 'Yes, yes.'

22 L: Good for you, oh good for you. Good for you.

23 M: Yes. I explained the people that as I know what he did - he is doing the tactics here to make
24 me as an alien to you people - because you find me in his diary - I am a friend of him - is it?
25 ? years...

26 L: Yes, of course - you want to see now?

27 M: But I having the witnesses here - some other people - those are taking the different - ? stand
28 up and say - every time we go there and ask me - another one say '? There's a lot of people
29 I'm going with. But I want to stop that - those people they not think as how I'm thinking -

- 1 they having the problem - if this diary - one day they find - there is supposed to be a sell-out.
 2 On other time we find that thing as I am thinking - here in Dambuza. They find a diary on
 3 the floor - ? they look in this diary - it's for the police - they have the name of the people -
 4 those were sell-outs.
- 5 L: Yes, I mean we've trusted Stanley but now we see that he's meeting with policemen behind
 6 our backs - isn't that it?
- 7 M: ..yes...
- 8 L: Absolutely...
- 9 M: I told Comrade Harry Gwala that I was in a meeting with - there's nothing - my name is not
 10 in this diary - if you find the diary of Terblanche you find my name - I'm not a sell-out -
 11 because he did me as a sell-out. So I know that police - he work with me - but I know they're
 12 giving the Inkhatha people the ? they attacking the people at night - in the morning the tell
 13 the people to go and search. People they looking again on Inkhatha's place - they taking out -
 14 out. He got that arms in the night - in the morning he come and collect it.
- 15 L: Yes, quite.
- 16 M: I had my friends in the gutter people - they told me that certain - they tell me what he said
 17 in my name to them...
- 18 L: They are a clever and wicked crowd.
- 19 M: Yes, yes. I know him - so on when they - they came - all the people - the people of - Chief
 20 on the hill...
- 21 L: Really? No?
- 22 M: The Chief - no, no, no - Mpophomeni - you see...
- 23 L: Oh, at Mpophomeni...
- 24 M: ...Mkhize there in Impendle - to the township - they left their tribe - Inkabinde - they fighting
 25 to say they want their chief. They say to me they don't want. So they're fighting on the - the
 26 situation was cold - and little diesel - we watching that people - they're singing along - with
 27 them - they're singing. They staying in the road here - because there is - the house is near
 28 them a bit - I'm with the other peoples - we do stand there - at around about 9 to 12, one guy
 29 said to me 'Hey,' he said 'my ?' I said 'Okay, let's go. But don't train those people ? let's go

- 1 to my house - we have the paraffin heater and I will left you then to be coming back.' When
2 we're going, some two birds on top there
- 3 L: Oh, spotted movement..
- 4 M: Yes, we're going at the house, we get in my house - fire that ...
- 5 L: Heater?
- 6 M: When the heater was trying to warm up I told these two guys I'm taking my brother on my
7 side. My brother was drinking too much you know...
- 8 L: Yes, no, no he's no good...
- 9 M: I have to take it home. Well when we're staying for warmer now - we hear the car out here -
10 in the gate and we go 'Oh.' They were police guys - I must turn the heater in that way - so
11 they can see that ...
- 12 L: The light?
- 13 M: Yea, they can't knock knock. I said I open the back door - I shouting 'on that side.' They
14 were knocking at the front door 'on that side?' And they said 'No open this door.' I said
15 'No I'm come that side.' So they come. Oh they asking me whose telling me - why I'm
16 staying home - 'we want you - who is those people?' I said 'My friends.' 'What are you
17 doing here?' 'You saw them sitting in - warming themself from the heater - so why are you
18 asking?' The person when they're asking to searching the house. I said 'Well, it's up to you
19 if you want to searching the house. I have nothing...'
- 20 L: ...to hide?
- 21 M: ..to hide. He said 'Oh they want me to go with them.' I said 'No, no I have no problem for
22 searching.' 'You want to search. do your searching.'
- 23 L: Yes, and I'm not coming with you.
- 24 M: ...'and I'm sitting with my friends.' They said 'Okay - let's take your friend - I'm going
25 outside with their friend - they asking that 'where's the gun - the shotgun?' That - these
26 people they use nothing and I had no gun. They said 'Okay, if you hiding that - we take the
27 ?.' We're fighting with them there and pulling, pulling in the van. They take us to the
28 cemetery - one man - he was ? he go with us in the cemetery - he park at the cemetery. I
29 don't know what they think at the cemetery - they driving back to the sport ground here - and

- 1 they parking at the gate. There was a big khombi here - because it's raining - big pond - they
2 parking there - they call that man - ? they calling to - to come out. I said 'well, I need to -
3 I'm coming out.' They said 'No.' They're fighting me and there is a rifle - they putting it
4 back...
- 5 L: Oh really...
- 6 M: ...they come and lock it and then they pounced me? Hey, long time - and I'm fighting, I'm
7 kicking the van here - they leave me - they come to me - they ? '...one day we will shoot
8 you.' I said 'Ay, okay - you got to shoot - it's up to you what you do to me - you never
9 know.' They call me outside. So they ask me the stupid question.
- 10 L: Like?
- 11 M: With a - 'You know how to use the gun?' I said 'No.' They said 'Do you - what for do you
12 need a gun? The people they are talking what you do...' I said 'Nothing.' I said 'As you got
13 me - I can't do nothing.'
- 14 L: Yes quite.
- 15 M: You can't do what you like. He said 'Okay, we give you the one option.' I said 'What
16 option?' They said 'You choose - you run this way or you run this way.' I said 'No, I don't
17 like to run - what I'm running for?' All they having the guns. Oh, he's taking out the bullets
18 now - all ? two Black people and two White people...
- 19 L: Good heavens.
- 20 M: I said 'I don't know what's happening here - I can't run. They are ?
- 21 L: They would have shot as you ran?
- 22 M: Ja, they want to shot me or something like that. I hear the voice saying 'When I'm on the
23 other side.' When I'm looking there - I saw them they not here - I'm resisting to the officers.
- 24 L: Of course.
- 25 M: I remember what they did, you see..
- 26 L: You know what they're like.
- 27 M: While I'm thinking that - what were they talking - they push me - I felt they push me - but
28 they not standing next to me - in here - and I felt twisted - they're shooting - all of them - I
29 feel something in my chest - I'm falling down. When I'm opening my eyes - ? was standing

- 1 there - I'm getting tired - secondly I have a thing to hold me here...
- 2 L: Yes, at the back of your neck?
- 3 M: They made me up - and push me too - How! ? same police ? and then they shooting me and
- 4 I lying...
- 5 L: But you weren't shot?
- 6 M: I'm not shot - what's happening here? Third time - ? they are coming - something they roll
- 7 me like a ball, on that side - those people they're going that side - I'm rolling that side, that
- 8 side - I didn't do myself ...
- 9 L: No, it just happened.
- 10 M: This thing I can't explain that - what was happening to me - well, when I was next to the wall
- 11 of the stadium they going to the van they taking that lights, torch, they ...
- 12 L: They can't see you?
- 13 M: No they can't see me - I'm lying next to their van - here - then they said 'Ja, he's dead now.'
- 14 I thought I'd be getting with the van and that time I'm looking that big dam - how - on that
- 15 side - that dam - I couldn't say where am I because I remember when they took me at home
- 16 to the stadium. But I saw the big, big, big dam. on my side.
- 17 L: Midmar?
- 18 M: Ja, this lead to the killer? hey, when they gone - no one here to dam - there is a school and
- 19 the lights...
- 20 L: How marvellous.
- 21 M: I go to the school, nearest. ? no school there - ? what I'm looking there? Oh my friend is
- 22 coming back because I'm ? I'm wake up today - oh where is my friend. Man he's dead. And
- 23 he saying that because he's ducking on the grass...
- 24 L: Just near you??
- 25 M: Yes, yes. When he look those people gone he wake up and he run to his house. If I'm wake
- 26 up here and I'm looking here to him - where is he - where is he - I couldn't find him, I said
- 27 'Okay, because of the people - they watching those people from the rural areas there - I can't
- 28 go that side now.' ? go that side - we be still - we fight with the things - I'm coming to fight
- 29 here? When I'm going to my mother-in law house, I find these people - this van - they

- 1 parking to ...
- 2 L: Because they thought you were dead..
- 3 M: They searching now ... I came here and I tell them that I'm that side with the door. I pointing
4 all these people - all are inside. I see the ? Because my mind is on opening the case of this
5 light - nothing happened to my body...
- 6 L: Yes quite.
- 7 M: I can't show the court what's happening in my...
- 8 L: ..in your head?
- 9 M: Ja. Except to saying what the people they did. Now I think that I go to reporting to Comrade
10 Nghathi's house that I was with him and the police were touching me - with that ? When...
- 11 L: When you find his ?
- 12 M: I'm knocking on the door - instead I said 'It's me.' He didn't even see who is that - they
13 opened - when I'm come in - Uh! 'How! Where you been?' I said 'No, no, we are lying - you
14 aren't abused.' Oh, I saw these people they shoot me twice. I said 'Yes, they shoot us but
15 they ...
- 16 L: It was only the ?
- 17 M: So let's discussing the matter - now I find this place - they ? at Shannamay's ? house. Now
18 I can fight her to tell us who's this people? Did you see? Because they're getting inside the
19 house and searching... afterwards I was in the wind - they ? stab me.. With the - we can get
20 that statement. The daughter of that man, Nkhathi? He is a secretary at court. In the morning
21 he came to me - to his father - by the time we left with the kids, when he came he found his
22 father is to ? swollen in the face, he ask him 'What are you doing?' Oh 'you beaten by the
23 police?' I said 'How,' I said 'Hey, he found us with my house. And take us and ? Now we
24 want the assistance too. You can go there to steal that ?' ? they open at night...she said
25 'Okay, I'll try my best.' She leave and we go to the doctor. When I am at the doctor, he
26 'phone the court to say we are here at the doctor - but your father is sick - that will be ?
27 Because he not here - maybe he's in ?
- 28 L: (The tape is inaudible - it is slightly stretched)
- 29 M: ...and they putting him in that dirty water - the water get into the ear...

- 1 L: Oh that would be dreadful.
- 2 M: So the water is ? drain that...
- 3 L: Oh good...
- 4 M: ? one other secretary to said 'Go to the doctor and tell Stanley we find that docket.' There's
5 the docket - okay give us the number of that docket and I'm going to my lawyer. And what
6 was happening - I won that case.
- 7 L: Mmm, oh good.
- 8 M: I won that case. If that thing it's annoying me - as I say - I can't ...
- 9 L: The whole, the whole episode of not getting shot and winning the case...
- 10 M: And winning the case because they said they want to do that because we fighting with the
11 lawyers and all the lawyers is a lawyer - everyone - they said to me I did wrong now I didn't
12 give him the right information but unfortunately I have a feeling rather they talking on that
13 way that I didn't put that - putting that information - they wanted witness and then I didn't
14 brought that witness. They want my niece to come...I said 'No, no, no.' She can't come -
15 hut the police they go to my father's house and came with my niece to appoint my house -
16 he can't come to every place that I point the house of my uncle. I fight this case because I
17 went with the lawyer here in Church Street - an advocate - I remember - I forgot the name
18 of that guy - he having the long hair. I work with that chap a long time and he explained me
19 very well - because he asking me that can I say my statement because that ting was
20 happening at night he will open that statement file and I will talk - I will tell him what was
21 the incident - okay you know everything that is written here. Then 'You must go to the court
22 now.' When we go to the court, the court said he's supposed to make that thing ? the other
23 people. I said 'Okay if you can ? in mentioning tbe people did torture me - you can do ?
24 there's a meeting on the tenth? because if you get another person without that - clothing that
25 he was wearing on that day - they can't point that person out...
- 26 L: No, of course not.
- 27 M: You must know the person exactly...
- 28 L: Yes, what he was wearing and so on.
- 29 M: They said 'Okay.' The time was autumn ? you see in ? Yes, they said 'Okay, we're supposed

- 1 to settle this thing out of court.' If I don't agree to go to the press we can settle - if you are
2 set on going to the press, we are continuing to ? this. I said 'Okay, I am not going to ...'
- 3 L: You didn't want to go to the press...
- 4 M: Because I'm not with the Union. You go to the - we get the paper for you - then -? On this
5 and we won't ? but the thing was they did by that lawyers - our lawyer - not that advocate.
- 6 L: No, you mean Michael Potgieter?
- 7 M: Ja, because they told me whose money is charging with the ? ...
- 8 L: Michael was how much an hour?
- 9 M: He said at that time five rand per hour.
- 10 L: That's not bad.
- 11 M: I said I don't care - if I go to the court I will pay because I am no ? these people..
- 12 L: But you won your case?
- 13 M: Yes, yes. When we got the compensation they not want to show us - my lawyer did the links
14 to me - 'no show me ...' I said 'take some of mine - or take all the money - because you are
15 working this.' I show the world that the police did wrong us - some other comrades they find
16 in the field, they dead - nobody come to say 'I did this.' As I shot, and I missed it I talk with
17 myself - however those people they didn't talk what they said.
- 18 L: No quite, they're dead - they can't - I'm just watching the tape because we're nearly at the
19 end.
- 20 M: I said 'As I not forget this incident, I will end off to it - as I'm saying it - but if I remember
21 other things...
- 22 L: We can have another interview..
- 23 M: Yes, yes.
- 24 L: Because you see this is terribly important to me? and it showed you how ? it is keeping on
25 with the thing and bringing it to a proper conclusion - don't you think so? You learnt a lot
26 from this.. But it cost you a lot also.
- 27 M: Yes, yes, yes - no you are right.
- 28 L: Well, I do thank you Stanley, very much for coming and what we'll do is - we'll get the tapes
29 to you - have you got a tape recorder at home - or can you borrow one?

1 M: Yes I got a radio having a ...

2 L: The one that you could ...alright - let me just switch off....

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4 (There is nothing more on this side)