—South African mother

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(at the time of the application) she did not meet that burden," he said. "She submitted additional documentation and met the burden of proof that she would be persecuted if she returned to South Africa and Botswana."

The INS originally asked Ms. Ngcobo to leave the country by April 28, after an appeal by Ngcobo and her defense committee she was granted a 60 day extension during which time she was to present evidence to support her bid for U.S. asylum.

On Friday, June 22, evidence in the form of an information packet was submitted to the INS.

An important development in the case came in May when after meetings between the INS and Ngcobo's legal defense, the type of evidence necessary for the case was changed.

This change was to prove that she would be persecuted by South African agents, not Botswana, and that therefore Botswana would be unable to protect her.

At that time, Ngcobo and her defense committee were greatly relieved as the felt their case was made easier.

Ms. Ngcobo, has been in the United States since 1980, when she came as a guest speaker to the United States since 1980, when she came as a guest speaker to the United Nations as part of a delegation of Third World women.

Subsequently, she came to Baltimore from Canada on a visitor's visa in March, 1981. The visa expired after six months and INS officials said she never applied for a student visa.

In Baltimore, Ngcobo married, had a child and became an honors student at Morgan State University.

Throughout her struggle to remain in the U.S., Ngcobo has steadfastly maintained that her life was in danger if she were to return to the South African region.

In the evidence submitted to the INS, she gave examples of friends who had been assassinated by agents of the South African government.

In South Africa, Ms. Mgcobo was a member of the banned African National Congress, an organization which is in opposition to the government.

In South Africa, the 22 million blacks, native to the region, are forced to live under a system of apartheid (separation of the races) where they have no rights and are controlled by minority whites.

While living in South Africa, Ms. Ngcobo had been detained for her political activism and upon release fled across the border to Botswana because she feared for her life and freedom.

During the time since March 28, when she was first notified that she would be deported, Ngcobo found many friends and supporters, including: Rev. Mamie Williams, City Councilman Kweisi Mfume, Del. Pete Rawlings and Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

—Police step up

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Police records show that as she walked past the car, the suspect exited, grabbed her and forced her into the passenger seat telling her to be quiet and lie down.

After driving in an unknown area for several minutes, the suspect stopped at an gas station for fuel. Later he drove along a long winding road, through a wooded area.

Investigators discovered that the suspect then stopped the vehicle again and instructed the victim to remove her clothes. When she refused, the suspect took her clothes off and engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim in the car.

Later the suspect drove to another unknown location, and according to police records, the suspect then sexually assaulted the child for the second time.

The victim told the police that while she and the suspect were driving from the wooded area where the alleged rape occurred the suspect said to the 9-year-old that his name was "Shawn" police records revealed.

City police also discovered that when the victim continued to cry throughout the incident, the suspect told her that the longer she cried, the longer she would have to stay in the car.

However, shortly thereafter, the suspect stopped the automobile in the 2900 block Edmondson Ave., picked up a gun from behind the passenger seat and stated, "Go straight home; and don't look back; don't call the police and don't tell anyone about this," police records indicated. The suspect then drove off eastbound on Edmondson Ave.

The victim then made her way home to advise her father that her assailant was very "harsh spoken" with a slight Jamaican accent. Investigators also learned that the suspect had "rough scaley dry hands" and wore a brownish color rouge on his cheeks.

Investigators were able to get a description of the inside of the vehicle from the victim. According to police records, there were several "apple-face air fresheners" hanging from the dash.

The victim also noticed a bluish-grey walkie talkie that the suspect held onto and occasionally she could hear a woman speaking to a whole lot of men. However, the victim could not understand the conversations, police records said.

Police officials have requested that anyone having information relative to this incident, please contact the Sex Offense Unit by calling 396-2342.

Local residents have stated they plan to raise funds to be used as a reward for apprehension of the suspect.

Agencies receive grants to combat child abuse

Grants totaling $126,000 for the prevention of child abuse have been awarded to nine public and private agencies by the Social Services Administration of the Maryland Department of Human Resources.

Funded through the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the awards will enable the sponsoring agencies to initiate new, or strengthen existing, community-based child abuse prevention programs, most of them focusing on the increasing problem of sexual exploitation of children.

"With child abuse reports increasing dramatically across the state, we are pleased to be able to fund programs which aim at preventing abuse," commented Frank Farrow, executive director of the Social Services Administration. "In the years ahead, prevention must become a primary goal of our programs. The creative efforts that will be supported with these funds can help lay the foundation for a more comprehensive network of preventive services."

Grants ranging from $11,000 to $14,000 were made. Some of the recipients are:

— Associated Catholic Charities for a sexual abuse education program for Archdiocesan elementary schools;

— Baltimore County Department of Social Services, in cooperation with the Baltimore County Board of Education, for the development of a sexual abuse education project for county schools;

— St. Veronica's Church, Cherry Hill, for a drop-in center for child abuse crisis intervention and peer counseling;

— The House of Ruth, Baltimore, for an educational program for youthful victims of family violence to reduce the likelihood that they will grow up to become violent adults; and

The awards mark the first time that Maryland has qualified for a federal financial assistance grant for the prevention of child abuse. Over 45 proposals were reviewed by the H.E.L.P. Resource Project, a special child abuse prevention unit of the Social Services Administration.

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Community Calendar

AFRO BOWLING PARTY

On Sunday, August 26th, members of the AFRO - AMERICAN staff were special guests of the Brunswick Bowling Lanes, located in Northeast Baltimore at 5225 Hamilton Ave.

Employees were treated to three complimentary games of ten-pin bowling, rental shoes, free pizza and soft drink beverages and numerous complimentary tickets for future bowling outings.

Thanks largely to the assistance of Elmer Ratterree, manager and host at Brunswick, AFRO employees enjoyed a festive and relaxed afternoon of non-stop bowling on computerized scoring lanes.

For those AFRO employees and their families who missed last Sunday's bowling party, a brand-new company league will be on September 9th, courtesy of the Brunswick Lanes.

FREE WORKSHOP ON RESUME WRITING

Baltimore New Directions for Women, Inc. (BNDW) will present a special workshop entitled "Resume Writing" at the Village of Cross Keys on Tuesday, September 11. The workshop begins at noon in the Village Square.

Participants will discuss the basics of writing an effective resume for use in finding a job. The workshop will last 30 - 45 minutes and the instructor will discuss individual questions after it is over. The workshop is free and open to the public. For further information, contact the BNDW Career Resource Center at 889-6677.

This workshop is co-sponsored by BNDW and the Village of Cross Keys. It is part of the "CROSS KEYS: YOUR CAREER KEY" series.

COPPIN WEEKEND REGISTRATION SET

Registration will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. August 27-30 for Coppin State College's Weekend College.

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