



**HORRIFYING:** Debbie Diabantu, left, visits the area where her son Iyanda's body was found

**KILLED:** Five-year-old Iyanda Diabantu

# A VISION OF SLAUGHTER

**THE MOTHER** of a little boy who was beaten to death says she had a premonition her son would die.

Debbie Diabantu, 30, says the day before he was killed she even told her son that they would be separated.

*"I had a feeling it was him that would go away. But I thought maybe it would be me," she says.*

Little Iyanda Diabantu's body was found in the sand dunes of the Bush of Evil on Saturday.

The five-year-old was face down, his head bashed in with a brick.

*Debbie says her son could be dead because he tried to stand up for her.*

She believes Iyanda saw someone stealing her cellphone.

And she thinks her outspoken son threatened the thief.

Iyanda only visited his mother in Delft over weekends.

*During the week he lived with his aunt and went to school in De Doorn.*

Debbie says Iyanda didn't know the area well so he would never have gone off alone.

## Slain boy's mom knew they would be parted

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"He was playing marbles in the road," she says.

*Debbie says she will always remember asking him to walk with her to the nearby shop.*

### Changed

"At first he said yes then he changed his mind," she says.

Iyanda disappeared while Debbie was at the shop.

Thinking the boy was playing nearby she went out again.

*When she got back at 8pm the whole neighbourhood was looking for her son.*

A woman told Debbie a boy's body had been found nearby and they went to Delft Police Station.

"The inspector would not tell me," she says.

*"But then he asked me if Iyanda had earrings and I said yes.*

"The inspector told me it sounded like my son."

Yesterday, Debbie identified her son's body at the morgue.

"I want to know who did this," says the mother.



**GRIEF:** Debbie had a premonition that her son would die