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Four RTMC Law Enforcement Officers Arrested for Attempted robbery, racketing and theft

Gauteng: South African Police Services (SAPS) arrested four traffic police members belonging to the National Traffic Police Unit for serious allegation of robbery, racketing and theft. The South African Police Services (SAPS) acted on a tip that a vehicle has been hijacked and derailed out of its route.

SAPS then alerted other members on patrol and gave a hot pursuit to the alleged hijacked vehicle. When the vehicle was cornered, two of the occupants in the alleged hijacked vehicle disembarked and ran into the patrol vehicle and sped off. The police then gave a pursuit on the RTMC marked vehicle with blue lights on, and reinforced with other patrol vehicles until the vehicle was cornered. They then discovered that all occupants were law enforcement officers attached to the RTMC. The SAPS then disarmed and arrested the alleged members.

On further investigation it was discovered that, the two officers in the marked vehicle were also involved in the commission of the alleged crime and followed the 3rd vehicle. While searching the vehicle an amount of R9000 was discovered in the plastic bag belonging to the driver and company of the alleged hijacked vehicle.

Four traffic officers are currently held at the Eldorado Police Station and the matter is still being investigated by the SAPS. The RTMC management applauds and congratulates the SAPS for its quick response, bravery and commitment in decisively dealing with corrupt law enforcement members masquerading as law enforcement officers.

“We place it on record that we reject such behaviour with the contempt it deserves and we will do all in our might to root corrupt members within our service”. Said Makhosini Msibi- RTMC Chief Executive Officer, We remain resolute to deal decisively with those that undermine the rule of law and wish to warn all who think they can get away with crime, to desert and leave our noble service. He added.

“We will leave no stones unturned in ensuring that the necessary and appropriate steps are taken against the officers involved in this disgusting activity bringing our institutions into disrepute. We sincerely apologize to all at sundry who believe and still has confidence in our institution, but assures them of our un-wavering commitment to rid our institution of corrupt elements” Concluded Advocate Makhosini Msibi.

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