



PRESS RELEASE

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Bogus doctors flees from authorities

Law enforcement authorities today raided a doctor's surgery in Vereeniging as part of Operation Recall to clamp down on the unlawful issuing of public driver's permits.

The suspect used the back door to escape as officers moved into the premises to effect an arrest.

An assistant also tried to flee but was found in the bathroom where she been holed up for more than an hour. She was then taken to the surgery for questioning.

Operation Recall is an investigation initiated by the National Traffic Anti-corruption Unit and led by the Directorate of Priority Crime Investigations a (the Hawks) to root out corruption in the issuing of driver's licences and permits.

Five bogus doctors have so far been arrested in Gauteng as part of the operation.

Investigations have shown that the doctors identified as bogus are mostly foreign nationals who use the practice number of a registered local doctor to run unlawful medical practices.

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Today's raid revealed that the doctor was dispensing medicines with proper permits. Medicines were confiscated by the Medicine Control Council and patient files were seized by the Health Professions Council of South Africa who formed part of the raid.

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