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Free State Vehicle Examiner Nabbed for Fraud

An examiner of vehicles from a private roadworthy testing centre in Welkom is to appear in the magistrate court in the Free State town today on allegations of fraud.

The man was arrested on Friday (September 8, 2017) following a complaint that he had signed a roadworthy certificate declaring a vehicle to be fit to be on the without physically testing the said vehicle.

The complaint was raised by a man who had bought the car from a local dealership. The man became suspicious when the dealership gave him a roadworthy certificate reflecting that the vehicle had undergone testing on a date that it was already in his possession.

Upon investigation members of the National Traffic Ant-Corruption Unit identified a number of visible defects on the vehicle.

The vehicle was then taken to a provincial vehicle testing where the following major defects were confirmed:

1. Loose right head lamp
2. Loose grill

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3. Reverse light defective/ not working at all
4. Registration lights not working
5. No rubber pedal
6. Body rust
7. Loose battery
8. Odometer not in working condition
9. Petrol tank fastened with wire.

The vehicle has being suspended from further use on a public road while the examiner is facing prosecution.

Un-roadworthy vehicles are a menace on South African and they contribute significantly to the higher number of road accidents.

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