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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editors / Transport Reporters / PR Wires

## Gauteng traffic inspector nabbed for "corruption"

A 57 year-old traffic officer employed by the Gauteng Traffic Department is to appear in the Pretoria Commercial Crimes Court tomorrow (Monday, 08 January) on charges of corruption and extortion.

The man, who carries the rank of principal provincial inspector, was arrested in a joint sting operation conducted by members of the Road Traffic Management Corporation' National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit, the South African Police Service Gauteng Organized Crime Unit, the Tshwane Metro Police Internal Affairs Unit and the Gauteng Traffic Department's Compliance Unit.

The arrest followed a complaint received through the RTMC's hotline with allegations that the officer was removing motor vehicle licence discs and taking driving licences from motorists on the pretext that they had committed a traffic offence.

The victims would then allegedly be instructed to deliver a sum of money ranging from R1500.00 to the officer at the regional offices of the provincial traffic department in exchange for their documents.

A number of driving licences and motor vehicle discs were found during a search conducted at his offices. Attempts will now be made to obtain statements from owners of these documents.

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Members of the public are advised to report traffic related bribery, corruption and fraud on 0861 400 800.

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