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PRESS RELEASE



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Attention: News Editors / Transport Reporters / PR Wires

Nine officials to appear in court on vehicle registration fraud and corruption

Nine officials, including vehicle examiners and administration staff, are to appear in court this week on charges of fraud and corruption.

The officials were arrested at two privately owned vehicle testing stations last week. Members of the Road Traffic Management Corporation's National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit, South African Police Service Organised Crime Unit and the Gauteng Traffic Department's Compliance Unit raided the Mamelodi vehicle testing station in Tshwane and the First Class Vehicle Inspections in Midrand, Johannesburg.

Six officials, three males and three females, who were arrested in Mamelodi are expected to appear in the Pretoria Commercial Crimes Court this morning (Monday 22 January 2018).

Three males who were arrested in Midrand are expected to appear at the Johannesburg Commercial Crimes Court tomorrow (Tuesday, 23 January 2018).

It is alleged that the suspects fraudulently and irregularly issued roadworthy certificates to vehicles that were not physically taken to the testing stations for examination.

More suspects from these stations are expected to be arrested.

Fraud and corruption involving the issuing of roadworthy certificates is a major concern as it contributes to accidents and vehicle crime.

Five roadworthy testing stations have been raided in the past month and investigations have revealed widespread malpractices. Law enforcement authorities will continue their relentless clampdown in an effort to fight corruption and improve road safety.

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Members of the public are urged to report traffic related fraud and corruption on 0861 400 800 or email ntacu@rtmc.co.za. All information will be treated confidentially.

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