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TWELVE OFFICIALS TO APPEAR IN COURT FOR LICENCING FRAUD

BREAKING NEWS: Twelve officials, arrested in a pre-festive season crackdown on vehicle and driver licencing anti-corruption drive, are to appear in court in two provinces for bail applications tomorrow (Monday 10 December 2018) after spending the weekend in police cells.

The suspects were arrested in KwaZulu Natal and Limpopo on Friday on allegations of fraud and contraventions of the National Road Traffic Act. Seven of the suspects are from Limpopo, while five from KwaZulu Natal.

The arrests followed raids conducted at private testing stations and a learner licence testing authority by the Road Traffic Management Corporation's National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit jointly with the Directorate of Priority Crime Investigations (Hawks), the Special Investigations Unit and the KwaZulu Natal Transport and Traffic Investigations Unit.

Allegations against the Limpopo suspects, who include examiners of vehicles and a data capture, are that they issued vehicle roadworthy certificates fraudulently to vehicles that they never physically inspected. The suspects are expected to appear in the magistrate courts in Musina and Thohoyandou.

The five suspects arrested in KwaZulu Natal will appear at the Durban Commercial Crimes Court. The suspects include four examiners of learner licences employed in Underberg and a manager formerly employed at another learner licence centre in Howick.

It is alleged that the suspects participated in fraudulent activities by unlawfully and irregularly assisting applicants to pass their learner licence tests. Scores of documents were confiscated in Underberg and they will be subjected to further investigations

RTMC Chief Executive Officer, Advocate Makhosini Msibi congratulated the teams on the latest breakthroughs.

“Corruption within driver and vehicle licencing authorities undermines efforts made by honest man and woman to reduce carnages on South African roads. We have to double our efforts and deal decisively with this scourge to restore public confidence in authorities”, he said.

He called on members of the public to report suspected corrupt activities on 0861 400 800 or ntacu@rtmc.co.za

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