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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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Attention: News Reporters / Transport Reporters / Newswires

## **TRAFFIC INSPECTOR NABBED FOR A R3000 BRIBE**

**BREAKING NEWS:** The Road Traffic Management Corporation welcomes the arrest of a Free State provincial traffic inspector who was handcuffed after allegedly extorting a R3000 bribe from a motorist.

The inspector allegedly stopped a public transport vehicle in Qwa-qwa and inspected it in line with her duties. She however discovered the vehicle disc had expired. She allegedly proceeded to remove the disc and impounded the vehicle.

The motorist was allegedly instructed to contact the traffic officer once he had enough money to pay the impoundment fees and release the vehicle. Authorities were alerted about the incident and they accompanied the motorist to the pound.



The officer allegedly met the motorist in the bathroom where R3000 in

cash exchanged. Police immediately pounced on the officer and the cash

were recovered from her.

She is expected to appear at the Phuthaditihaba magistrate tomorrow on

charges relating to bribery and corruption.

The RTMC commends the law enforcement authorities for their speedy

reaction and arrest of this officer.

"We call on the provincial authorities to institute disciplinary action as

soon as the officer is released on bail. The time for impunity is over, traffic

authorities are now required to demonstrate their commitment to clean

administration by taking appropriate action against any official implicated

in corruption and wrong doing. This is the only effective way to

demonstrate a zero tolerance attitude to corruption and restore public

confidence in our systems." the RTMC said

Members of the public are called upon to report corruption and bribery on

0861 400 800 or email ntacu@rtmc.co.za

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