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Driving school instructors and municipal employees seized in festive season crackdown on 'corrupt' licensing centres.

Gauteng: The driving school instructors and nine municipal employees are to appear this morning on fraud and corruption charges following their arrest in Limpopo.

The suspects, aged between 55 and 34 years, were arrested by members of the Road Traffic Management Corporation's national anti-corruption unit and the Hawks following allegations they were involved in the irregular sale of learner driver licenses and code 14 driving licenses to prospective motorists.

The arrests followed two years of intensive investigation code-named Operation Code 14. Police agents infiltrated the syndicate during the investigation and identified key role players in the alleged fraudulent and corrupt practices at driving licensing testing centres in Limpopo.



The investigation revealed that examiners of driving license employed by Collins Chabane Municipality at Malamulele driving license testing centre (DLTC) assisted applicants to obtain learner licenses in exchange for a payment of R1500. It was also found that prospective drivers were charged between R8000 and R9000 to obtain code 14 driver's licenses at Mutale DLTC under Thulamela Municipality.

In most instances, driving school instructors served as a link between examiners and applicants to facilitate the alleged corrupt transaction.

The suspects – who include five examiners, two driving school instructors, two cashiers and a general worker - were arrested yesterday. The investigation is continuing and more arrests are expected.

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