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LIMPOPO TRAFFIC OFFICERS JAILED FOR R150 BRIBE

GAUTENG- The Road Traffic Management Corporation welcomes the imprisonment of two traffic officers in connection with bribery and corruption in Limpopo.

The Tzaneen magistrate court today sentenced the traffic officers to prison terms, without the option of a fine, for accepting a R150 bribe from undercover anti-corruption agents.

The court sentenced Mr Kgapane Stanley Makhurupetje (42) to four years imprisonment – with two years suspended for four years. His co-accused Ms Portia Ramphelo (34) received a two-year prison term.

The two were arrested in a joint operation by the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit of the RTMC and the Hawks dubbed Operation Siyabangena in December 2017.

Although we welcome the sentence, we note that it does not sufficiently take into account the fact that rampant corruption in the traffic law enforcement sector is a significant factor in promoting the culture of lawlessness on the roads. Corruption also contributes to the high number of road fatalities experienced in the country and in Limpopo in particular.



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We however, believe that the conviction of these officers will send a message to others that crime does not pay. These officers now no longer qualify to work as traffic officers because of their criminal record and this means that we have succeeded in removing bad elements from the ranks of traffic officers.

A total of 13 traffic officers were arrested as part of Operation Siyabangena and their cases are continuing in different courts in the province.

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