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RTMC warns operators after the arrest of vehicle testing owner and scores of officials

Gauteng: An owner and scores of officials from two privately owned vehicle-testing stations were arrested in Limpopo on Tuesday (November 3, 2019) on allegations that they fraudulently provided roadworthy certificates for vehicles they never tested.

One of the vehicles is a minibus taxi that ploughed into three children in Daveyton on December 19, 2017 leaving one child critically injured. The collision happened two months after the vehicle had been certified as roadworthy by TNS privately owned vehicle station in Lebowakgomo.

Traffic officials discontinued the vehicle after the crash; however, a month later another roadworthy certificate was allegedly issued by G-Moth private vehicle



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station in Mokopane. Evidence shows that the vehicle was undergoing repairs at a panel beating shop in Daveyton when the roadworthy certificate was issued. Members of the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit, a division of the Road Traffic Management Corporation, the Hawks and the Special Investigating Unit raided the two testing stations on Monday and arrested an owner and nine examiners of vehicles. The suspects are expected to appear in court on Thursday.

More than 50 examiners of vehicles including two owners have been arrested at various privately owned vehicle-testing stations since the start of Operation Corolla in October to address fraud and corruption relating to the issuing of roadworthy certificates.

Demand for roadworthy certificates is high at this time of the year as public transport and freight vehicle owners plan to put more vehicles on the road to deal with increased demand for transportation.

The CEO of RTMC Advocate Makhosini Msibi has warned public and freight transport operators that they will be held personally accountable should their vehicles be found to be operating on public roads while in an un-roadworthy state.

“Chapter 4 of the National Land Transportation Act of 2009 specifically stipulates that the holder of an operating licence or permit has duty to at all times keep the vehicle in a safe and roadworthy condition. This is further amplified in the Chapter 6 of National Road Traffic Act where it is stated that the operator



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has a duty to conduct his or her operations with due care to the safety of the public. The law further requires the operator to exercise proper control over the driver to ensure compliance with all the rule of the road. Failure to comply with these regulations constitutes an offence and operators will be held accountable,” he said

Members of the public are called upon to play their role in ensuring that there is safety on the roads during this festive season by reporting bribery, fraud and corruption on 0861 400 800 or ntacu@rtmc.co.za

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