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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**To : All News Editors**  
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**Attention : News Reporters / Transport Reporters /Newswires**

### **The Road Traffic Management Corporation has noted with interest the conviction of a traffic officer in Phuthaditjhaba, Free State for corruption.**

**GAUTENG:** The local magistrate court yesterday sentenced Tshepiso Confidence Ramatlakane (31) to a fine of R10 000, 00 or five years imprisonment plus a further five years direct imprisonment.

The latter sentence suspended for five years on condition that the accused is not found guilty of corruption during the period of suspension.

The RTMC is not entirely satisfied with the sentence. We believe that suspended sentences in cases of traffic officer corruption do not send a strong enough message. We prefer direct imprisonment in these circumstances to send a strong message that corruption within the law enforcement sector will not be tolerated.

We have taken this position because we see the devastating impact of corruption daily on the roads. South Africa has unacceptably high levels of road fatalities and corruption is one of the contributing factors to carnages.



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The courts need to be sensitive to this reality when handing down sentences particularly in cases involving people who are entrusted with enforcing the law and promoting safety on the roads.

Ms Ramatlakane was arrested after a public transport operator complained that two traffic officers had stopped her vehicle, confiscated the driver's licence, the operating disc and impounded the car.

The complainant said Ramatlakane had demanded R5000 to release the vehicle and return the documents. The complainant offered R2000 but the officer revised the demand to R3000.

The complainant approached the police and a sting operation was set up. Ramatlakane was arrested immediately after receiving the bribe and the money was found in her possession.

She pleaded guilty to a charge of corruption yesterday and was sentenced.

Members of the public are urged to join the ongoing campaign against fraud and corruption in the traffic sector by resisting to pay bribes and to report such incidents on 0861 400 800 or Email: [Ntacu@rtmc.co.za](mailto:Ntacu@rtmc.co.za). WhatsApp messages can be sent to 083 293 7989.

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