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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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Attention : News Reporters / Transport Reporters

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## Traffic officers bust in the Free State for corruption.

FREE STATE – The Road Traffic Management Corporation's National Anti-Corruption Unit assisted by the Hawks Serious Corruption Investigation Unit, Crime Intelligence, TRT and NPA have secured the arrest of 5 Traffic Officials, 3 Administration Clerks, 4 Jockeys, 2 Examiners and 1 Driving School Instructor, in Bethlehem and Harrismith, Eastern Free State. The team is currently still in process of arresting outstanding suspects.

Information was received from Crime Intelligence pertaining to Corruption and Fraudulent activities that are taking place at Harrismith and Bethlehem Driver's License Testing Centres (DLTC's). The alleged corruption involves traffic examiners at the mentioned Testing Centres (DLTC's) and different driving school instructors. The activities are conducted in loose knitted groups: Officials of Driver's License Testing Centres (DLTC's) specializing in Code B (08), C1 (10) and EC (14).



The applicants are introduced by the driving school instructors to the

examiners who are supposed to do the tests. Money will then be paid to

the examiners or driving school instructor by the applicant or vice versa.

In cases where the money is paid to the driving school instructor, he will

then give the money to the examiner. In some instances, everything is

arranged with the instructor who acts as a middleman. The corruption is

initiated by the driving school instructors who will be addressed as

secondary targets. The examiners at the Driver's License Testing

Centres (DLTC's) are the primary targets.

Truck licences (code14) were issued to individuals who were not

psychically tested themselves but so called "jockey" was used to do the

physical testing on the applicants behalf.

Awareness Campaigns were held at the DLTC Bethlehem previously, but

despite the warning the officials continued with corrupt activities.

Any persons who participated or obtained their licences in such a manner

are urged to come forward so that the validity of their licences can be

verified, as an audit and verification process will be conducted to verify

licences issued by the relevant DLTC officials.

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. WhatsApp messages

can be sent to 083 293 7989.

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