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## TWO MEDICAL CLERKS ARRESTED FOR ISSUING FRAUDULENT EYE TEST CERTIFICATES

**DURBAN -:** Two clerks who work for an optometrist in Durban have been arrested for allegedly issuing fraudulent eye test certificates to vehicle licence applicants.

The suspects were arrested by members of the National Anti-Corruption Unit (NTACU) at Southway Mall where they were issuing the certificates for a R50 fee although they were not qualified to conduct eye examinations or to issued certificates

The investigation is continuing to determine the involvement of the optometrist whose signature is on the forms and more arrests are expected.

The RTMC strongly condemns this criminal behaviour as this irregular practice allows unfit drivers to be unleashed on the roads where they pose a danger to other road users and contribute to the high number of road crashes and fatalities.

In a separate incident, a joint undercover operation by members of NTACU, the Hawks and Crime intelligence led to the arrest of a 30 year old suspect at Mobopane Bus Station for producing and selling fraudulent temporary driving licences, vehicle licences and matric certificates.



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The suspect, Mr Joel Kabelo Lebeya, was operating from an Internet cafe situated a few meters from Rietgat Police Station when two undercover agents purchased a licence disc, temporary driving licence and a matric certificate.

He was subsequently arrested for fraud and detained at Brooklyn Police Station under CAS: 387/05/2021. He made a first court appearance yesterday.

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