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FREEWAY 'TRUCK HIJACKING' SYNDICATE MEMBERS ARRESTED

PRETORIA -: The National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit (NTACU) has dealt a major blow to a syndicate of traffic and police officers that have allegedly been hijacking trucks on Gauteng freeways.

This came after three men were arrested in Johannesburg today (Tuesday, 13 April 2021) shortly after hijacking a truck.

The three, a member of the Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department's VIP Protection Unit, a member of the South African Police Flying Squad and a civilian were spotted driving a vehicle fitted with false number plates in the Johannesburg central business district.

The number plates raised the suspicion of an alert member NTACU, a division of the Road Traffic Management Corporation. He kept the vehicle under surveillance while he called for back-up from members of the SAPS Crime Intelligence and the Gauteng Highway Patrol.

The joint team confronted the suspects and found them in possession of state issued firearms.



Upon further investigation it was discovered that the suspects had earlier allegedly

dropped off a fully loaded truck at Strydom Park in Randburg.

It is believed that they were part of a syndicate that has been hijacking trucks on the

R59, N3, Kliprivier and other routes in Gauteng.

The investigation continues and more arrests can be expected. The suspects are

expected to appear in court soon.

The CEO of the RTMC Advocate Makhosini Msibi applauded the members for the

arrests.

"This is a major breakthrough in the fight against truck hijackings in Gauteng. There

have many complaints and allegations about the involvement of law enforcement

officers in this heinous crime and these arrests will have a devastating impact on the

syndicate"

Members of the public are requested to assist the investigation by providing

information on WhatsApp to 083 293 7989. Emails can be sent to ntacu@rtmc.co.za.

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