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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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## TRAFFIC OFFICER FAILS IN BID TO GET HIS JOB BACK AFTER BEING DISMISSED FOR A R200 BRIBE

**GAUTENG:** In yet another blow against traffic officer corruption, the Commission for Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration has dismissed an appeal by former Mpumalanga traffic officer who was dismissed for accepting a R200 bribe

Mr. Gift Hleza approached the CCMA following his dismissal by the Msukaligwa (Ermelo) local municipality for bringing the municipality into disrepute. The dismissal came after Hleza was caught by undercover anti-corruption agents while conducting a speed operation on the road between Mkhondo and Ermelo in January 2020.

He was then arrested and granted bail of R1500 pending the finalisation of his trial.





Delivering arbitration award on Thursday (November 10, 2022) the commissioner of CCMA, said he had difficulty in attaching weight on the version of Mr. Hleza, that he needed cold drink to quench his thirst as it was hot on the date of the incident. He said the only inference that could be drawn was that he wanted payment in kind.

The commissioner found that Hleza's dismissal was substantively fair.

This came in a week in which two other people were sentenced for corruption related to traffic matters.

On Thursday (November 10, 2022), a Free State driving instructor Mr. Teboho Ernest Mosia (45) was sentenced by the Bethlehem regional court to five years imprisonment for accepting R5500 bribe to organise a heavy vehicle driving licence for a motorist. He disappeared with the money and failed to deliver the driving licence.

Mosia is expected to serve eight month in prison after the court suspended his sentence for four years.

In another case, a former traffic officer Mr Meshack Masenjwa (37), a former Traffic Officer also found guilty and sentenced to five years direct imprisonment by the Middelburg Regional Court for accepting a R100 bribe.

That RTMC believes that these decisions will spur the efforts of the corruption fighting agents to identify and arrest more officers involved in bribery, corruption and fraud in the traffic law enforcement sector.





Members of the public are urged to get involved in the campaign against corruption by reporting the suspicious incidents by sending a WhatsApp message to 083 293 7989 or email ntacu@rtmc.co.za

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