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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Attention: News Reporters / Transport Reporters / Newswires**

## **POLOKWANE VEHICLE EXAMINERS AND CLERKS ARRESTED FOR FRAUDULENTLY ISSUING ROAD WORTHINESS CERTIFICATES**

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**PRETORIA -:** Twelve examiners of vehicles and administration clerks are set to appear before the Polokwane Commercial Crimes Court in Limpopo tomorrow (22 June 2023) on multiple counts of fraud related to the issuing of motor vehicle road worthy certificates.

The suspects were arrested in different locations following a lengthy investigation by the Road Traffic Management Corporation's national traffic anti-corruption unit (NTACU) and the Directorate of Priority Crime Investigations (the Hawks).

It alleged that the suspects, who were employed by the privately-owned Polokwane Vehicle Testing Station, manipulated and abused systems to issue roadworthy certificates for vehicles that were not physically presented to the station for testing. The offences were committed between 2019 and 2021.

The modus operandi allegedly involved the use of the identity document of an innocent person to create an impression that he had presented the vehicles at the testing



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station for roadworthy tests to be conducted. Test sheets would allegedly be filled as if the vehicles were tested when in fact they were not.

The Road Traffic Management Corporation welcomes the arrests and calls on the courts to pass a harsh sentence against the suspects as unroadworthy vehicles are a major contributory factor to road crashes, injuries, and fatalities in the country.

The alleged conduct of these suspects undermines national efforts to make South African roads safer.

The World Health Organisation estimates that road crashes cost most economies three percent of their economies. In South Africa, the cost of crashes for 2022 is estimated at R198.79 billion.

The ratio of road fatalities per 100 000 people in South Africa currently stands at 20.5 and is lower when compared to the death rate for Africa which stands at 27.21 per 100 000 human population.

However, this ratio can increase unless all efforts are made to rigorously enforce the laws and deal harshly with fraud and corruption.

The Road Traffic Management Corporation calls on citizens to report suspected acts of fraud, corruption, and malfeasance to **ntacu@rtmc.co.za** or by WhatsApp to **083 293 7989**.

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