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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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

## MPUMALANGA TRAFFIC OFFICER SENTENCED FOR TAKING A BRIBE

The Ermelo Regional Court has sentenced Mpumalanga Traffic Officer G.M Hleza for taking a R200 bribe from undercover anti-corruption agents.

Hleza was arrested after soliciting a R200 bribe from an agent during Project Arrive Alive on 22 January 2020, and was subsequently arrested on 3 March 2021.

Two undercover agents testified during his trial and the state proved beyond reasonable doubt that Hleza was guilty on all charges.

Hleza later pleaded guilty to all charges and was sentenced to a R4000 fine or 12 months imprisonment, he is further sentenced to 5 years imprisonment, wholly suspended for 5 years should he not be convicted of the same crime during this period.

Hleza was also subjected to a disciplinary hearing which found him guilty and terminated his employment. He took the matter to arbitration but failed to have the decision of the disciplinary committee overturned.





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As the festive season approaches, the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) warns law enforcement that anti-corruption units will be out in full force to deal with unacceptable, unethical and unprofessional conduct. Bribery, corruption, and other unlawful activities do not only tarnish the image of our traffic law enforcement fraternity, it leads to devastating consequences, including loss of life.

The RTMC calls for harsher sentences against officers who solicit bribes from motorists and urges 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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