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MEDIA ADVISORY

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ELEVEN LICENSING OFFICIALS ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED FRAUD

GAUTENG-: The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) and the Hawks have arrested 11 licensing officials on allegations of fraud and corruption.

The officials were rounded up in Ladybrand in the Free State, Elukwatini in Mpumalanga and Rayton in Gauteng. The suspects are implicated in fraud relating to the unlawful issuing of driving licences and roadworthiness certificates.

The arrests follow three years of investigation code name Operation Catfish which identified examiners who were fraudulently issuing driver's licences and roadworthy certificates at various testing stations. The investigation was initiated by the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit of the RTMC and registered by the Hawks as a collaborative effort.

The investigation has established a link in corruption in all three provinces. The majority of the arrested officials are based at Lengau Testing Centre in Bloemfontein. All the suspects are expected to appear in the Bloemfontein magistrate court tomorrow. This is part of ongoing efforts to remove all risk factors that contribute to a high number of crashes, injuries and fatalities on the roads.





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Investigations continue and more arrests are expected. The RTMC commends all the officers who were involved in this investigation.

Members of the public at encouraged 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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