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MORE APPLICANTS WHO OBTAINED LEARNER LICENSES WITHOUT UNDERGOING NECESSARY TESTS ARRESTED IN THE EASTERN CAPE

Two learner licence applicants and an administration clerk have been arrested on fraud and corruption charges at King Williams Town Driving Licence Centre (DLTC).

These arrests are a result of follow up investigations conducted by the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit and other law enforcement entities following the arrest of four suspects (an examiner of licenses, an applicant and two runners) at the same licensing centre last year on 20 September 2023.

The seven were arrested after lengthy investigations emanating from a tip off of alleged criminal activities taking place at the licensing center where examiners of learner driver licences allegedly colluded with driving school instructors and runners to issue learner licences to underserving applicants. Driving school instructors allegedly identify runners who write learner's tests on behalf of applicants in exchange for financial gratification.

The suspects appeared in court where the matter was postponed to 28 June 2024.



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The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) calls on driving licence applicants to desist from corrupt and fraudulent activities as they will be held personally accountable.

“Law enforcement officials are no longer satisfied with arresting officials in cases of fraud and corruption. They will also pursue beneficiaries and the crime of corruption involves the corruptor and corrupted,” the RTMC said.

Fraudulent activities involving the issuing of driving licences contribute directly to unsafe conditions on the road as untrained and unfit drivers are allowed to drive motor vehicles while they do not know the rules of the road.

The RTMC believes that stringent penalties should be imposed on those found guilty of this crime and that this will serve as a deterrent to others.

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