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MEC Motlhabane applauds the HAWKS for the arrest of driver's license examiners and driving school owner

In the fight against fraud, corruption and maladministration, the HAWKS recently arrested nine officials from Delareyville, Sannieshof and Vryburg Driver Licence Testing Centres (DLTC's).

The arrest followed an intelligence-operation led by the SAPS Directorate for Priority Crime Intelligence, the Hawks, which is aimed at dismantling fraud and corruption activities in the North West Province. The arrested are nine driver license testing examiners, a driving school owner and administration clerk.

The suspects allegedly supply learners with answers before they could sit for examinations. Learner Examination Invigilators also play a part by turning a blind eye on learners who would be doing copying and pasting openly during the examinations.

Applicants would also get a driver's license without being tested, after paying an amount of R7 500.00 to the driving school.

Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane has applauded the HAWKS for this wonderful work and said this unexpected arrest will send a strong message to others.

The arrested officials were attached to the Sannieshof, Delareyville and Vryburg DLTC's, whilst the driving school owner and employee are based in Sannieshof.

MEC Motlhabane said the arrest of these officials was a true reflection on how government is intending to fight fraud and corruption.

"This is exactly what Premier announced during the State of the Province Address that we are going to intensify efforts in fighting corruption, fraud and Maladministration.

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We are going to take tough actions to all those found involved in any such activity and as the department we will always support the HAWKS in their work as well as engage them whenever we suspect or pick up that there are some employees doing acts of criminality.

The HAWKS, indeed have done a good work in arresting these officials and we applaud them for the work well done. The name HAWKS must continue to evoke pain, body aches and itching to the criminals,” said Motlhabane.

The departmental MEC believes that any form of crime is winnable, but that can only be achieved through good relations between the police and communities.

“Community participation in the fight against crime is critical and all criminals out there please know that we are watching you through HAWKS eyes,” he concluded.

All the suspects appeared at the Delareyville and Sannieshof Magistrate Courts and were released on R1000 bail each. They will appear again on April 5.

Late last year, three Provincial traffic inspectors were arrested by the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit and the Hawks in Brits for soliciting bribes. They are currently on precautionary suspension and their cases are at the stage of finalising disciplinary enquiry.

Officials nabbed in this operation will continuously face internal disciplinary actions and if found guilty, stiffer sanctions will be imposed to serve as a deterrent for others.-END-

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