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PUBLIC WORKS SUSPENDS EMPLOYEE OVER ALLEGATIONS OF THEFT OF STATE VEHICLE

The Department of Public Works has suspended with immediate effect one of its employees, Mr Phemelo Patrick Mothupi who appeared in the Mmabatho Magistrate Court yesterday as a suspect in a state vehicle theft case.

The suspension of Mr Mothupi, employed as an Assistant Director in the Information Management Directorate follows the disappearance of a 2005 Nissan Hardbody Light Delivery Vehicle from the department's parking pound last Wednesday.

The Department commends the police for their swift action and the recovery of the state vehicle.

Meanwhile, the Department has instituted internal investigations with a view to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the employee as it views the allegations in a very serious light.

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