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Traffic Chief Arrested on Fraud Charges

Pretoria – A senior traffic official within the Maquassi Hills local municipality in the North West Province has appeared in the Wolmaranstad magistrate court on charges of fraud, impersonating an officer and defeating the ends of justice. Mr Judas Mahlangu was arrested by the RTMC's National Traffic Anti-Corruption unit on Tuesday (July 14, 2015) on charges of fraud, impersonating an officer and defeating the ends of justice. He appeared in court today (Wednesday July 15, 2015).

Allegations against Mr Mahlangu – who was employed in February this as Chief of Traffic - are that he continued to work an officer and even wore an traffic uniform while knowing that his registration as a traffic office was suspended and his registration as an examiner of motor vehicles was cancelled. Other allegations against him are

that he tried to destroy evidence that implicating him in fraudulent activities.

An investigation by the corruption unit has found that the official had pending cases of fraud, drunken driving and a conviction on stock theft charges. His case was postponed to August 17 this year. His arrest follows that of officer Dirkie Mothibe from the same traffic department on the 5th of July for fraud. He appeared in court on July 6 and his case was postponed to July 17 this year. The Chief Executive Officer for the Road Traffic Management Corporation, Advocate Makhosini Msibi, has warned law enforcement officers that corruption will not be tolerated within the traffic law fraternity.

“Corruption and unethical conduct from traffic law enforcement is one of the contributory factors to the erosion of the moral fibre of our society. The RTMC has identified this as a key area that requires consented attention if the country is to succeed in reducing road crashes and improve respect for the rules of the road,” Advocate Msibi.

He insisted that investigation will go on to identify all those who were involved in perpetrating irregularities at the Wolmaranstad testing centre and those who benefitted from these irregularities.

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