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STANDERTON OFFICIALS RELEASED ON STRICT BAIL CONDITIONS AS ARREST OF TRUCK OWNERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS LOOMS.

The Middelburg magistrate court has granted eight Lekwa licensing officials, implicated in a multi-million rand vehicle registration scandal, bail of between R5000 and R20 000.

The eight appeared in court yesterday following their arrest in Standerton, Mpumalanga on Friday.

Three of the accused Smangele Selepe (43), Sandi Friday Manana (35) and Thembi Joyce Mavuso (55) were granted R20 000 each. The other five Ida Vangile Mdluli (48), Illody Mildred Townsend (40), Nhlanhla Innocentia Motha (39), Mduduzi Robert Nkuna (38) and Mbongiseni Amon Radebe (53) were granted R5 000 each.

The accused face charges relating to falsifying vehicle ownership registration on the National Traffic Information System (eNatis) to enable truck owners to avoid payment of vehicle licensing fees, including penalties and arrears ranging to millions of rands. It is alleged the eight have cost the state R67 million in lost revenue.

The court set strict bail conditions which include that they should surrender their passports to the investigating officer, not interfere with the State's case or communicate directly with state witnesses.



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They are not allowed to travel outside of the Standerton district without the permission of the investigating officer.

Investigations are continuing to try and locate the trucks owners who allegedly benefitted. Close to 100 trucks may be seized and owners arrested as part of this investigation.

About 75 other officials registering authorities in other parts of the country are implicated in this scam and their arrests are imminent.

The accused face a minimum of 15 years imprisonment if found guilty as their alleged crimes fall within schedule one of the Criminal Procedure Act.

The case has been postponed to November 28, 2019, in the same court.

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