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### VEHICLE TESTING OFFICIAL IMPRISONED FOR CORRUPTION

**GAUTENG:** The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) welcomes the heavy sentence imposed on a vehicle testing official from a privately testing station.

The Polokwane magistrate court today sentenced Mr. Kabelo Chilenge (37) to six years direct imprisonment for fraudulently issuing a vehicle roadworthy certificate for a vehicle that he did not physically examine. The court found that a suspended sentence would not be appropriate in these circumstances.

The certificate was issued at Quick Test vehicle testing station in Modimolle, Limpopo in April 2022 while the vehicle in question was in a police pound at the time.





Although no evidence was led to prove that Chilenge benefitted personally from the illicit transaction, the court drew inference that such conduct could not be executed without gratification.

The court said the accused earned a salary and there was no need for him to commit such an offence. It considered that unroadworthy vehicles cause accident when allowed to operate on the roads.

The RTMC feels that this sentence is appropriate and serve as a deterrent to others who are involved in such unlawful activities.

It is hoped that members of the public will be inspired to report fraud and corruption as there is unambiguous evidence that every information and the culprits are held accountable.

Members of the public can use the following platforms to report alleged fraud and corruption: email <u>ntacu@rtmc.co.za</u> or WhatsApp to 083 293 7989.

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