



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Attention: News Editors / Transport Reporters / PR Wires**

### **Private Vehicle Centre Raided in an Anti-Corruption Drive**

There will be no festive season cheer for many private vehicle roadworthy testing centres staff this year after further arrests were made yesterday.

A joint operation by the Road Traffic Management Corporation's National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit, the South African Police Service's Organised Crime Unit and Gauteng Traffic's Compliance Unit led to the arrest of four vehicles examiners at a privately owned testing station in Claysville outside Tembisa in Gauteng.

This came after investigations uncovered a scam in which an identity document of a 64 year-old bed-ridden man was allegedly used to fraudulently process roadworthy certificates for hundreds of vehicles.

It is believed that the vehicles were never physically examined before the certificates were issued.

Many motorists who visited the centre with the hope of obtaining fraudulent documents yesterday were disappointed to discover that the centre was temporarily closed.

The four suspects are expected to appear in court on Wednesday, 20 December 2017 on charges of corruption and fraud.

These arrests bring the number of suspects arrested in different private roadworthy testing centres to about 20 in the last three months.

Un-roadworthy vehicles pose a major danger on the roads and contribute to a significant number of accidents.

The RTMC is working with other law enforcement agencies to minimise the number of such vehicles on the roads in a concerted effort to make South African roads safe.

More arrests are expected.

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