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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editors / Transport Reporters / PR Wires

## **Tshwane Traffic Officer Convicted of Corruption**

Gauteng – A Tshwane Metro traffic officer has been found guilty of corruption by the Cullinan magistrate court today.

Sebo Mathabatha, 38, cut a lonely figure as she stood in the dock and pleaded guilty to a soliciting a R100 bribe from undercover agent of the National Traffic Anti-Corruption unit. She was charged under the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Act of 2004.

The incident happened on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 during the festive season road safety campaign. Mathabatha and a colleague were conducting a law enforcement operation on the notorious Moloto Road when she stopped the agent for overtaking on a barrier line.

She is expected back in court on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 for the magistrate to consider a pre-sentencing report.

The conviction proves that there are consequences for unethical and unprofessional

conduct within the traffic law enforcement environment.

This should serve to encourage members of the public to report bribery and corruption on

0861 400 800 or ntacu@rtmc.co.za.

The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) in committed to ensuring that all cases

of bribery and corruption are followed through no matter how long it takes to finalise them.

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