

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editors

Nine arrested at three North West testing stations

Nine suspects – including driver licence officers, administration staff and a driving school owner – have been arrested by the National Traffic Anti-corruption Unit and the Hawks at various driver's licences testing centres in the North West for fraud and corruption related to the issuing of driver's licences.

The arrests were made following four months of investigation by the National Traffic Anti-corruption Unit in an operation called Operation Krockie. The investigation identified officials, clerks and civilians involved in the irregular issuing of driver's licences at Sannieshof driver's testing centre, Delareyville driver's testing centre, Vryburg driver's testing centre.

The suspects have been detained at Sannieshof police cells and are expected to appear in court on Wednesday. More suspects are being sought and will be arrested soon.

These arrests follow the arrest of 14 suspects at Benoni driver's testing centre in October last year in connection the fraud and corruption involving individuals operation in the Free State, Gauteng and Mpumalanga.

Three suspects, including a vehicle examiner, a clerk and runner, were arrested in Rustenburg, North West province last month (February) in connection with the fraudulent issuing of a roadworthy certificate.

The three have been linked to operations conducted at a local private testing station known as EK Private Vehicle Testing Station. The examiner has been identified as a man who was previously arrested on the same charge and his case is still pending in court.

Members of the public are encouraged to report bribery, fraud and corruption relating to road traffic matters on 0861 400 800.

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