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OFFICIALS ARRESTED AT LIMPOPO VEHICLE TESTING STATION

LIMPOPO- Four officials have been arrested at a vehicle testing station in Musina, Limpopo on allegations that they fraudulently issued roadworthy certificates for vehicles that they never physically tested.

The arrests followed months of investigation by members of the Hawks, the Road Traffic Management Corporation's National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit and the Special Investigating Unit.

The four, three vehicle examiners and a cashier, were arrested at Thusalushaka Testing Station and will be facing charges of fraud and corruption.

It is alleged that the officials colluded in using the identity particulars of a 60-year-old man to generate roadworthy certificates for scores of vehicles that were never brought to the testing station for examination. Investigations however showed that the man was not even aware that his particulars were being used in this manner.

Documents and computers were seized during the raid at the testing station.

The suspects are expected to appear in the Musina Magistrate court tomorrow (Wednesday, 27 March).

A similar raid was conducted at the same testing station in December last year where two officials were arrested. They were released on bail and are expected to make another court appearance on the 29th of April.

Vehicle roadworthiness is one of the major contributors to road crashes and fatalities in South Africa. The raid would assist in reducing this threat in the forthcoming Easter period.

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