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TRAFFIC OFFICER SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IMPRISON FOR TAKING R100 BRIBE

PRETORIA -: A former Tshwane Metro Police Department traffic officer has been sentenced to three years imprisonment after being found guilty on a corruption charge relating to a bribe she solicited from an under-cover agent from the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit of the Road Traffic Management Corporation.

Ms Sebo Mathabatha (44) was sentenced by the Pretoria Regional Court on April 28 after a trial she dragged for more than five years. The case was first heard at the Cullinan Magistrate Court and was moved after Mathabatha's lawyers challenged the magistrate to recuse herself.

This caused lengthy delays which resulted on Mathabatha appearing in the Pretoria Regional Court where she pleaded guilty to the charge.

The charge stems from an incident on 19 December 2015 on Moloto Road where Mathabatha stopped an under-cover agent and demanded to see his driving licence. When the agent failed to produce the licence, Mathabatha called him to the back of the vehicle where she asked him to 'give her something'.



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The agent went back to his vehicle and returned to hand Mathabatha a marked R100 note. She was arrested immediately after taking the money.

In passing sentencing, the court took into account that Mathabatha had abused her position of trust and showed total disregard for the law. It also considered that she was a first time offender and had shown remorse by pleading guilty to the charge.

She was sentenced to three years imprisonment suspended for five year. She was further sentence to 12 months Correctional Supervision which requires her to be under house arrest at her Mamelodi East home except when going to work, church or to do community service..

She will also be required to perform 16 hours of community service per month at Stanza Bopape Clinic. The court declared her unfit to possess a firearm and ordered that firearms in her possession as well as competency certificates, licences, permits and authorisations issued to her be seized.

Mathabatha resigned from her employment at the Tshwane Metro Police Department immediately after her arrest.

The RTMC welcomes the sentence as it clearly demonstrates that traffic officers are not above the law and that corrupt officials will be pursued without fear or favour.

Members of the public are encouraged to report all forms of fraud and corruption related to traffic officers and licencing centres to ntacu@rtmc.co.za. or via WhatsApp to 0832937989. Information provided will treated in strict confidence.

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