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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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#### **A TOTAL NUMBER OF 14 PEOPLE ARRESTED AT MANDENI DRIVING LICENSE TESTING CENTRE**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies commends the law enforcers on successfully apprehending the 10 people for fraud and corruption at Mandeni DLTC last Friday (18/02/2011) further arresting two on Sunday (20/02/2011) and another two on Monday (21/02/2011).

Preliminary reports have revealed that the driving schools were in co-hoots with the DLTC official and examiners in that they were using the services of so called "jockeys". It alleged that these jockeys were undergoing the actual tests on behalf of the applicants who in most cases did not even have to show up at the DLTC. In some instances the applicant/jockey failed the yard test in principle yet were still allowed to continue with the road test and ultimately issued driving licenses fraudulently.

On Friday (18/02/2011) 10 people were arrested including the Head of the DLTC and on Sunday (20/02/2011), through intensive follow up investigation, two officers were arrested, one being an examiner and the other being the administration clerk. And on Monday (21/02/2011), two further driving school operators/owners were arrested which makes it a total of Fourteen with charges ranging from Racketeering, fraud and corruption. All the above mentioned accused were denied bail on Monday (21/02/2011) and will remain in custody until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2011 (next court appearance date).

**"I would again like to applaud these law enforcers for continuing with their hard work and their sleepless night to make sure that these lawbreakers are arrested. The special detachment is slogging on around the clock in the lookout for further 6 suspects who are still large,"** said Mchunu.

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