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MEC KAUNDA APPLAUDS 10-YEAR SENTENCE FOR TRAFFIC OFFICER

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda has applauded the sentencing of a traffic officer and a member of the public by the Pongola Magistrate for fraud and corruption last week.

Mr Christian Bukhosi Sibiya (43) an Examiner under the Pongola Municipality and Mr Sakhile Zazi Buthelezi (34) a member of the public who was his "runner," were found guilty by the Pongola Magistrate Court for fraud, corruption and issuing driving licences in contravention of the National Road Traffic Act.

After an intensive investigation by the Department of Transport Traffic Enforcement Unit and members of the SAPS (Richards Bay Organized Crime Unit), it was established that there was a discrepancy between tests observed compared to ENaTIS printouts. A number of applicants admitted that they had to pay amounts ranging from R5000-R7000 in order for them to get drivers licences without undergoing any driving tests. In 2013, Sibiya and Buthelezi were arrested on three counts of fraud and corruption. In 2016 they were found guilty on all counts by the Pongola Magistrate Court. Last week, Sibiya was sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment of which five years was suspended. Buthelezi was handed a five-year suspended sentence.

Kaunda has praised the police for their sterling work which resulted in a successful conviction of the two people. "This shows government's resolve in rooting out crime and corruption in our motor licensing system. The corruption involved in testing stations also contributes to high fatalities we are experiencing in our roads." said Kaunda

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