MEDIA STATEMENT

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Police impostor arrested for swindling motorists.

Pretoria: A man who allegedly impersonated a police officer to swindle motorists seeking vehicle police clearance certificates has been arrested and is to appear in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court on Monday.

The man was arrested at Watlloo driving licence testing centre on Friday where he operated from.

The arrest followed complaints received by the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit (NTACU) at the RTMC alleging that a "police officer 'was demanding bribes before he could issue clearance certificates for vehicles that needed to be registered.

A police clearance certificate is required to register a vehicle that has been stolen and recovered. It is also required where an engine or chassis number differs from the number on the registration certificate.

Members of NTACU together with the SAPS Gauteng anti-corruption unit obtained sworn statements from a complaint and then proceeded to the DLTC where the man was arrested after taking R400 from a motorist.

The money was found in the man's possession.

Upon investigation, it was discovered that the man was not a member of the South African Police Service but an impostor.

He was held in police custody at Silverton police station and will be facing charges of extortion and impersonating a police officer.

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