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RE: SEIZURE OF ASSETS IN MAMELODI

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A multi-agency (Asset Forfeiture Unit, the Directorate of Special Operations/Scorpions and the Special Investigating Unit) operation resulted in assets that include immovable property, vehicles, expensive wearing apparel and jewellery, estimated at over R1 million being seized in Mamelodi, Pretoria yesterday.

This follows an investigation that was launched into multiple fraudulent transactions on the accounting and payment systems of the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA). These included fictitious procurement transactions in excess of R2, 5 million between December 2006 and March 2007. Six people were investigated and five were arrested for theft and fraud. One of the suspects whose assets were seized is a former SASSA employee.

Another investigation involved a member of staff whose duties included authorizing purchase order payments and sundry payments. Six fraudulent transactions and payments were created as sundry payments. The fraudulent transactions purported to be payments for construction, building maintenance and related services. Payment exceeding R255 000 was made which at the end went to the employee.

All persons arrested will be appearing before the Specialized Commercial Crimes Court soon.

Law enforcement agencies will pursue especially Government employees who seek to derail Government efforts and divert State resources that are meant to better the lives of ordinary South Africans for their narrow and personal interests.

Kind regards

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