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**RE: BRYDGES ASSETS SEIZED**

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The Johannesburg Office of the Asset Forfeiture Unit today executed a restraint order obtained to seize the property of well known racing car driver, Pierre Roy Brydges, and his girlfriend, Cindy Goodall. Brydges and his girlfriend were arrested in May this year on charges relating to the illegal manufacturing and dealing in methamphetamines used to make the drug Crystal Meth or Tik.

Investigations commenced when Police received a tip off concerning illegal drug activities conducted at premises in Weltevreden Park, Johannesburg, which were leased by Brydges. They visited the premises on 9 May 2007 and found a clandestine drug laboratory in operation with sufficient chemical substances to make approximately R18, 6 million worth of Crystal Meth or Tik. Documentation was found showing the importation of chemicals from China as well as a book on how to manufacture methamphetamines.

Director Piet Byleveld of the South African Police Service is involved in the investigations.

Money laundering charges are also being considered.

Brydges, his girlfriend and three other persons associated with the criminal activities were arrested and appeared in the Roodepoort Magistrates Court. All but Brydges were released on bail. Brydges was refused bail. He sought leave to appeal this decision in the High Court. Leave was granted but the Court upheld the Magistrate Court's decision not to grant bail. Brydges successfully sought leave to appeal this decision, but the Supreme Court of Appeal also upheld the decision not to grant him bail.

The proceeds of the sale of Brydges' mansion in Northcliff, valued at approximately R4, 5 million, were seized as well as his valuable racing



car. A BMW vehicle and jewellery given by him to Goodall (estimated at approximately R500 000) were also placed under restraint in terms of the asset forfeiture order. The property was restrained on the basis that it was presumed that Brydges and Goodall benefited substantially from crime, which benefit must be recovered.

The criminal case has been postponed to 13 December 2007. The accused have the opportunity of challenging the asset forfeiture order on 27 November 2007.

The Regional Head of the Johannesburg Office of the AFU, Nomonde Mngqibisa, has commented that "As a result of the good working relationship between the SAPS and the Asset Forfeiture Unit, an asset forfeiture order was successfully obtained. The present case involves serious drug- related offences. Tik or Crystal Meth is currently a scourge in society. All efforts must be made to combat such offences as in this case by removing the incentive and resources to commit such crimes through intensive police investigations and the use of asset forfeiture provisions. This case demonstrates that crime does not pay and that no person is above the law".

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