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RE: ELEVEN TSHWANE METROPOLITAN POLICE APPEAR IN COURT

The Pretoria Magistrates' Court granted ten of eleven Tshwane Metropolitan Police (TMP) officials bail of R2000 each earlier today.

The accused, two females and nine males, Richard Masilela (45), Lebogang Lekoadi (35) Busana   Nhlanhla (43) Humbule Khadammbi (35) Clemens Mokabene (37) Lefalela Nelson Matuba (44) Kabelo Lenyai (29) Siphamanala Sibanyoni (29) Tshikani Dennis Valoyi (38) Phangani Chauke (34) and Edgar Chuene (41) appeared at the Pretoria Magistrates Court for formal bail application.

It is alleged on 02 October 2021, Bheki Shezi had parked his car at Church street in Pretoria CBD at around 22h30 O'clock when the vehicle was impounded by the TMP. After discovering that his car has been impounded, Shezi and his friends allegedly went to the Tshwane Impound Centre to collect it. Upon arrival, the security on duty told them only one of them can go in. However, the complainants asked to be allowed in to collect the car. The security then called the TMP officials that were in the office who also called for backup. Upon the arrival of the backup the TMP officials allegedly assaulted the three complainants. After which, they allowed them in to pay for the Vehicle and released it.

Shezi and his friends opened a case and the matter was taken over by the Independent Police Investigative Directorate. The 11 TMP officials were arrested on Friday 15 October 2021 and ten were released on bail of R2000 today.

Richard Masilela's bail application will proceed tomorrow because he has a pending matter involving corruption in Bronkhorspruit Magistrates' Court.

The matter was rolled over to 11 October 2021 for formal bail application.

Justice in our society, so that people can live in freedom and security

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