

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: NPA FORFEITS VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT EXPLOSIVE  
DEVICE**

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On 11 January 2010 the North Gauteng High Court granted a forfeiture order in terms of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act (POCA) in respect of a Daewoo Lanos bakkie valued at R60 000 belonging to Snr Supt Noko Johannes Mothupi. The application was launched by Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) of the National Prosecuting Authority in terms of POCA which allows the AFU to seize and forfeit property used in connection with unlawful activities.

Snr Supt Mothupi was a senior member of the South African Police Service stationed at Silverton police station and has since been dismissed from the service. He allegedly used his vehicle to transport and conceal an explosive device, namely a Russian made Grad P 122mm projectile. These projectiles are normally used as ordinance in a multiple rocket launcher vehicle known as a MB 21 Grad. They are ordinarily used in military warfare and have immense firepower.

He was arrested on 5 June 2008 in a sting operation at the Sheraton Hotel in Arcadia, Pretoria after he attempted to sell the explosive device for R6 million under the pretext that it was enriched uranium. The device was analysed for radioactivity by The South African Nuclear Energy

Corporation (Necsa). It is not known how Snr Supt Mothupi obtained the explosive device.

His criminal case for contravention of the Firearms Control Act has been partly heard at Regional Court 8 in Pretoria magistrates' court and postponed to 8 and 9 April 2010 for further evidence and he is currently out on R5000 bail. This matter illustrates that no one is above the law and that the AFU in partnership with SAPS is even more determined to combat crime whenever law enforcement officials are involved.

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