

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: NPA HANDING OVER FORFEITED BMW TO GREATER SEKHUKHUNE MUNICIPALITY**

On Wednesday 16 September 2009 at 09h00 the Head of the Asset Forfeiture Unit (**AFU**), Mr Willie Hofmeyr, will hand over a forfeited BMW to the Mayor of the Greater Sekhukhune District Municipality, Mr David Magabe. It will take place at the Municipal offices at 6 Voortrekker Street, Groblersdal Limpopo.

Mr Tsheko Maloma was a security guard employed by Sekhukhune District Municipality at Groblersdal. During November 2007, he allegedly stole a Vodacom 3G card from the municipality. He used the card to participate in the Vodacom "100 cars" competition that ran between November 2007 and March 2008. He spent a total amount of R277 484 on the card.

On 7 December 2007 the card number was drawn as the winner of a BMW 320i. Vodacom representatives called the number and Mr Maloma confirmed that he was the registered user of the number. He provided his details and the BMW was registered in his name and delivered to Menlyn Motors where he later collected it.

After collecting the car, he drove it to McCarthy Motors in Pretoria, Church Street branch where he made arrangements for them to sell it on his behalf. Mr Rupert Matabane, the Project Manager at Sekhukhune, discovered the

abuse of the 3G card. He contacted Vodacom who confirmed that the card number was the winning number on 7 December 2007 and that the car had been delivered to Menlyn Motors for the winner to collect it.

The matter was reported to Groblersdal SAPS. Inspector Maphini Mashigoane was assigned to investigate the matter. He circulated the vehicle's details and attempted to locate Mr Maloma. On 24 June 2008, he received information that the car was at Groblersdal Police Station for clearance. He proceeded to the police station and impounded the vehicle.

On 1 July 2008, Mr Maloma handed himself in at Groblersdal police station and was charged with theft. He was granted bail of R2 000. On 17 November 2008, the matter was referred to the AFU by the SAPS Crime Investigation Services, Groblersdal.

On 4 December 2008, the AFU obtained a preservation order against the BMW. On 13 February 2009 the AFU lodged an application for a forfeiture order and it was granted on 4 March 2009 and became final on 27 April 2009.

Captain Nesengani of the SAPS Asset Investigation Section, who works with the AFU Polokwane office took control of the vehicle and started making arrangements for the sale of the car.

Subsequently the AFU received a letter from Sekhukhune District Municipality requesting the AFU that the vehicle itself be forfeited for use by the Mayor instead of it being sold and the proceeds being handed to the municipality.

On 11 August 2009 the AFU obtained a variation of the forfeiture order to make provision for it to hand the car to the municipality.

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