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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: TWO SAPS MEMBERS CHARGED WITH UIF FUNDS FRAUD, GRANTED BAIL**

The Pretoria Specialised Commercial Crimes Court released on bail two members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) sergeants, Thokozani Mchunu and Nqobile Mzimela, and their accomplice, Siboniso Percival Khanyile earlier today. They were granted bail of R3000.00 each.

The three appeared on charges of fraud, theft and money laundering amounting to R 692 000. Meanwhile, in a separate incident involving UIF funds, the Pretoria Specialised Commercial Crimes, granted bail a 62 year-old man from Hammanskraal, Moreroa Moses Leso. He was released on R2 000 bail after he appeared on charges of theft amounting to R100 000.00.

Leso was arrested and charged with theft after R4.7million UIF COVID-19 Temporary Employee Relief Scheme (TERS) meant for Mega Bus and Couch Company was allegedly mistakenly deposited into his account. After enquiries by the company, it was discovered that the money was paid into his account, Leso subsequently paid back R4.6 million.

Both matters were remanded to 30 October 2020 for further investigations.

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