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MEDIA STATEMENT: DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY EMPLOYEE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED FUEL THEFT.

The municipality regrettably confirms the arrest of one of its employees at Grootvlei Police Station for alleged fuel theft at the Grootvlei Police Station on Saturday, 19th November 2022.

This employee was stationed at Grootvlei under the Infrastructure Services Department responsible for water, sewer and sanitation units in the area.

The municipality also confirmed the confiscation of the municipal vehicle which was assigned to this individual employee to allow for the performance of official duties.

The municipality distances itself from this matter and any criminal activity thereof. Furthermore, it must be stated on record that the municipality does not support any form of criminal activity but however, implore and support law enforcement agencies in their fight against crime within the jurisdiction of Dipaleseng, the Gert Sibande District, the Mpumalanga Province and even nationwide.

It was only last week that the municipality convene an ethics and anti-corruption and anti-fraud workshop wherein this workshop was extended to all employees of Council. It is therefore the understanding of the municipality that it has sensitized and cautioned its employees in terms of avoiding crime and corruption.

This incident also comes within the backdrop of the municipality being at the height of implementing consequences management of the Section 106 findings as well as the Siyathemba Sport Stadium.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact relevant law enforcement authorities regarding any further information on this matter as it is within their jurisdiction and the municipality cannot provide any more information henceforth.

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