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SWARTLAND MUNICIPALITY

SWARTLAND WELCOMES INVESTIGATION AT MOORREESBURG TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Recently, possible irregularities at the Moorreesburg Traffic Department were brought to the attention of the Swartland Municipality Manager and the Executive Mayor. Accusations of misconduct and corruption are taken very seriously, and the Municipal Manager, Mr Joggie Scholtz, and the Executive Mayor, Alderman Harold Cleophas, immediately called in the National and Provincial Authorities to investigate this matter.

A joint investigation was launched by the National Department of Transport, the Western Cape Department of Mobility, and the SAPS Provincial Commercial Crimes Unit, with the full cooperation of the Swartland Municipality. On 29 May 2025, a warrant was executed at the Moorreesburg Traffic Department. As part of the warrant, documents and cellular phones were seized. Two staff members have been placed on administrative leave pending the conclusion of the investigation.

Any allegations of improper conduct by any Swartland Municipality official are viewed in an extremely serious light. All allegations of improper conduct will be thoroughly investigated by the Municipality.

On behalf of the Swartland Municipality, the Executive Mayor and the Municipal Manager have welcomed the investigation and affirm the municipality's full cooperation with this investigation. Any steps necessitated against municipal employees will depend on the findings and recommendations of the investigation, and the municipality will follow the legally prescribed processes to deal with any person or persons implicated by the investigation.

"We will take the strongest action possible against any municipal official who makes himself or herself guilty of misconduct or corruption. Swartland Municipality has a zero-tolerance policy towards any improper conduct, and we will continue to act in the best interests of the municipality and the community we represent," said the Mayor and the Municipal Manager.

The municipality has implemented steps to ensure continued service delivery at the Moorreesburg Traffic Department. As the investigation continues, the municipality will make every effort to minimise the disruption to service at this traffic department. Any official or member of the public with additional information, may report it to the office of the Municipal Manager or to the Internal Audit Office. All information will be dealt with confidentially.

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