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A City of Johannesburg Press Statement by
Executive Mayor, Cllr Herman Mashaba - City of Johannesburg

Three people arrested for possession of stolen City goods

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Last night, three members of the public were arrested for the possession of 1400 litres of stolen road marking paint which belongs to the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA).

The arrests follow a sting operation led by the City's Forensic and Investigation Services (GFIS) Department, the Hawks and the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD).

The operation targeted three residential properties and a motor dealership in Mayfair West, pawn shops in Brixton and Betrams and two residential properties in Bosmont.

The total cost of the seized road marking paint is estimated to be around R140 000. The three suspects will appear in the Johannesburg Commercial Crimes Court today.

An investigation conducted by the City's GFIS Department revealed that some officials from the Johannesburg Roads Agency have allegedly been stealing the road marking paint and selling it at R300 for 20 litres.

These officials allegedly use City marked vehicles to deliver the stolen paint of not less than 600 litres per week, according to those arrested.

Most of the stolen paint is sold to pawn shop owners who in turn resell it.

In one property in Mayfair, where 280 litres of stolen paint was seized, workers were caught in the act painting the walls of the property with the paint meant for road markings.

Over the next few days we will be working with senior officials from JRA to ascertain who signed off for the paint and establish where it was delivered and by whom.

More arrests are imminent as the investigation is ongoing.

Corruption doesn't just steal from the City. It robs residents of much needed services and resources. This is why corruption has no place in this administration and we will work tirelessly to eradicate it.

We will ensure that the residents of Johannesburg receive the quality services they deserve.

I would like to commend the GFIS team for vigorously investigating any allegations of fraud and corruption brought before them by the members of the public and the Hawks for the continued support.

I would also like to encourage people to report any fraud and corruption activities through our 24hour tipoff hotline 0800 002 587 or visit the GFIS offices situated at 48 Ameshoff Street in Braamfontein.

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