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MEDIA ALERT: FRAUDSTERS TO BE ARRESTED

The Department of Health, working with other state apparatus including the SAPS Commercial Crimes and the Asset Forfeiture Units, has uncovered fraud and corruption amounting to more than R10 million.

This began when the Department's Audit and Risk Unit, in 2002, investigated suspected cases of fraud and corruption. This led to the dismissal of most of the culprits. Others resigned before cases could be finalized against them, whilst others died.

The Department then decided to conduct a full forensic investigation involving Price Waterhouse Coopers, the Treasury, SAPS Commercial Crimes and the Asset Forfeiture Units. This investigation was code named "Cure" and it has uncovered fraud and corruption involving suppliers and employees of the department.

During this week and the following week, various companies and employees of the department will be arrested for their involvement in the alleged crimes. It is expected that more than 80 individuals will face their deeds that have deprived the poor people of our Province millions of rands.

The department is happy with the results of these investigations so far and will continue with its vigilance on crimes against the people.

We will keep the media informed of progress in this story, for more information contact Mr. Leon Mbangwa at 083 459 8695.

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