

Cops held in Limpopo

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Polokwane - Two policemen from Limpopo have been arrested for alleged corruption, extortion and fraud, provincial police said on Sunday.

A 41-year-old captain from Polokwane was arrested for allegedly selling firearms, meant for destruction and deactivation, to the public, Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi said.

"So far three firearms are missing and are believed to have been sold to criminals."

An investigation into missing firearms began after people could not trace weapons they had handed in to the police. The arrested captain was the official in charge of firearms.

"The possibility of more of these firearms being sold cannot be ruled out."

One of the weapons, a vintage firearm given to the police for deactivation, was found registered to a close relative of the captain. The arrested officer would appear in the Polokwane Magistrate's Court on Monday on corruption and fraud charges.

Meanwhile in Musina, Constable Dakalo Sitsula, 27, was arrested on Friday after he allegedly robbed a Zimbabwean cigarette smuggler of his cash and illegal supply.

He stopped the smuggler during his patrol. However, instead of taking him to a police station, he took him to a secluded area and allegedly robbed him.

The smuggler reported the matter to the police and picked out the constable from an identity parade. Sitsula appeared in court on Friday on charges of corruption and extortion. He was released on R1 000 bail and would appear in court again on 28 June.

Limpopo commissioner Simon Mpembe said corruption would not be tolerated in the police force.

"Anyone who breaks the rules will be caught and punished. Both members should not expect any favours, no matter how embarrassing it may be," he said.



SharonE - March 17, 2013 at 22:21

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Selling weapons from the evidence locker is wrong on so many levels!

The rot in the police force goes so deep, it has become terminal. Can it be cured? It is encouraging to see that there are instances where the bad ones are rooted out, but there is a lot to be done if trust in the police force can be restored. If it can be...

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Jamba - March 17, 2013 at 22:23

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Criminals in action. Only 2 arrested? Fire the minister and that woman who cries.

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Thusang Tshepo Lekoma - March 17, 2013 at 22:58

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This is what i dont like, corruption is created most by the policeman. How can i trust police man in south africa!, im really shocked!!

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Prince Kgwale - March 17, 2013 at 23:47

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Why ppl would want to trace weapons they gave in to the police to be destroyed? If the captain sold those weapons knowing it's illegal can he let close relative to register it? come on guys,u want to get rid of that young captain? I bet there will be different news tomorrow.

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Keith Ngobeni - March 18, 2013 at 00:06

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Oh my gosh the corruption that is within the SAPS is appalling! No wonder there are so many loose guns out there in the public, it's because of these bad apples within the police forces, iam glad I now live and work in the peacefully and quiet province of newbrunswick in Canada!!

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Mazan Mnguni - March 18, 2013 at 01:35

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Police r really become a joke in SA. What got into them? The ppl who suppose to enforce law and order r the one breaking the law.

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Alan Street - March 18, 2013 at 05:09

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Said it before and am saying it again. It's in their culture!

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Chris Smith - March 18, 2013 at 05:15

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Too close to Zimbabwe that place is , the sickness has already spilled over the border

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