

MEDIA STATEMENT

TO: ALL MEDIA

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****OFFICIAL CAUGHT WITH DRUGS AT ST ALBANS* *CORRECTIONAL*
*CENTRE***

An official from St Albans Medium B Correctional Centre was caught attempting to smuggle contraband into the premises on Friday, 16 October 2020.

The incident happened on Friday morning during a routine search at the entrance to the centre. The National Task Team (NTT) Security Officials were conducting a routine search of people at the access control gate when they noticed the vehicle. The official approached the gate with his vehicle, but then turned the car around and drove away when he noticed that searching was being conducted. Instruction was given to NTT officials to chase the vehicle and escort him back to access control.

Three South African Police Service officials assisted to search the official and the vehicle. Inside the vehicle the following contrabands were found: 120 x mandrax tablets, 5 x vodacom starterpacks, 2 x telkom starterpacks, 4 x MTN starterpacks, 2 x Cell C starterpacks, 1 x mobile phone OTG USB cable, 5 x cellphones, 3 x earphones, 3 x cellphone chargers. All items were confiscated and a case was opened at SAPS Kabega Park.

The official was subsequently arrested on Friday and he is currently in SAPS custody. A case has been opened and he is due to appear in court on 19 October 2020.

As the department we would like to emphasize our commitment to ensuring that all South Africans are and feel safe. Any person whether it is a member of the public or a departmental official who colludes with offenders in the contravention of this mandate will be brought to book. We would like to applaud the commitment of the departmental officials who were not hesitant to apprehend one of their own. This speaks highly of the integrity and their commitment to service excellence.

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