



correctional services

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES NAB TWO OF ITS OFFICIALS FOR SMUGGLING

The National Commissioner of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), Mr Makgothi Samuel Thobakgale has welcomed the arrest of two officials based in Ermelo Correctional Facility, for attempting to smuggle dagga and a mobile phone with accessories. The two were caught during a surprise search as they reported for duty at 06h55 on 24 July 2024.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) processed the two officials, who are now facing criminal charges. Additionally, DCS will initiate disciplinary proceedings in line with its policies and legal procedures.

National Commissioner Thobakgale, commended the team's vigilance and professionalism, and further emphasized the department's commitment to enhancing security protocols whilst ensuring adherence to strict ethical guidelines. "This incident underscores our commitment to maintaining integrity and security within correctional facilities, as well as our ongoing efforts to combat illegal activities in the correctional system," Thobakgale stated.

The Department remains dedicated to upholding the integrity of its operations and ensuring the safety and security of its facilities.

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