



correctional services

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Correctional Services
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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Public Cautioned Against Scam Impersonating Correctional Services Spokesperson

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) has noted with serious concern the circulation of fraudulent calls and messages from an individual posing as **Mr S Nxumalo**, claiming to be the Spokesperson for Correctional Services through TrueCaller. The scammer is reportedly contacting members of the public, soliciting payments in exchange for learnership opportunities and uniform collection.

We wish to categorically state that Mr Singabakho Nxumalo as the official Spokesperson for the Department of Correctional Services does not participate in any Human Resources recruitment processes, nor does he solicit or facilitate any form of payment related to learnerships or employment.

Any caller identifying himself merely as 'S Nxumalo' on TrueCaller and attempting to engage on recruitment matters or financial transactions should be regarded as suspicious and must not be entertained.

Furthermore, we reiterate our previous warnings:

- There are no fees payable when applying for learnerships or employment opportunities in the Public Service.
- All opportunities within the Department are communicated through official platforms, including the Department's website and recognised media channels.
- Official contact details for Mr Singabakho Nxumalo are included in all media statements issued by the Department and are accessible via online platforms.

No matter how desperate your situation may be, we urge all members of the public: ***Do not allow yourself to fall prey to scammers.***

If in doubt, always verify information through the Department's official communication channels.

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