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PRESS RELEASE

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**AN EMPLOYEE AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND TWO OTHERS
ARRESTED AND APPEARED IN COURT ON CORRUPTION CHARGES**

An employee at the Ministry of Health and Social Services, and two others have been arrested on allegations of Fraud and corruption. The three were arrested last week Thursday, 26 January 2023 by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Following a report to the Commission, an investigation was launched into a payment for an invoice totaling N\$300,035.58 that was made without any services being rendered. This led to the arrests of Morvens Ndaano Silawa, the Control Administrative Officer, Victor Sinyinda Sekelo, Former Driver at the Ministry of Health and Social Services and Stanley Mokganedi Griffiths, a businessman.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services is said to have awarded Griffiths, the owner of VehiCare Fleet Maintenance Solution Cc, a tender in 2020 for a HINO truck conversion into a rollback. Griffiths submitted a Tax Invoice for N\$300,035.58 and a Purchase Order for the conversion, both of which were fraudulently and corruptly certified by Silawa and Sekelo to confirm that the work has been done and the truck had been delivered to the Ministry, whereas no work had been and the truck was never returned to the Ministry.

It is further alleged that Griffiths, the owner of VehiCare Fleet Maintenance Solution cc, months after he was paid and spent the money, handed over the truck to a third party for the work but failed to pay the third party who retained the government vehicle since 2021 to date. The case was reported to ACC in November 2022, whereafter

investigation was conducted which resulted in the arrest of the three suspects and confiscation of the truck to serve as an exhibit.

The trio faced charges for contravening Section 35(3) (a) read with section 32, 46, 49 and 51 of the Anti- Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No. 8 of 2003). They appeared in the Windhoek Magistrate Court on Friday, 27 January 2023, and were granted bail of N\$10 000 each. Their case is remanded to 18 April 2023 for further investigation. Arrest of any other official/s who may be linked to this corrupt scheme cannot be ruled out.

ACC urges public servants to put the national interests above their personal interest by reporting corrupt persons to the law enforcement agencies. Those appointed or employed in positions of trust must commit to performing their duties diligently and ethically and uphold a high level of integrity at all times.

To report corruption, visit any of our offices in Windhoek, Otjiwarongo, Oshakati, and Swakopmund or call 0800 222 888 or send an email at anticorruption@accnamibia.org.

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