

MEDIA ALERT

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MUNICIPALITY WARNS RESIDENTS AGAINST ILLEGAL SALE OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE

Metsimaholo Local Municipality strongly condemns the illegal selling of proof of residence within the municipal area. This fraudulent activity, which involves unauthorized use of the Municipality's letterheads, has recently come to light following an incident in Sasolburg. The Municipality has taken swift action by reporting the matter to law enforcement, and a case has been officially registered with the police in Sasolburg.

Residents are urged to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity related to the illegal sale of proof of residence. Disturbingly, those responsible for this crime are also misusing the names and personal information, such as cell phone numbers, of our councillors in an attempt to give legitimacy to their unlawful actions.

The Municipality reminds residents that official proof of residence is only issued by ward councillors or the Office of the Speaker. This process includes thorough verification to confirm that the applicant is indeed a resident of the specified ward. Any other means of obtaining proof of residence is fraudulent and illegal.

We appeal to residents: If you witness or have knowledge of individuals engaging in this criminal act, report it immediately to the police. Your cooperation is essential in protecting the integrity of our municipal processes and ensuring that our community remains safeguarded against corruption and fraud.

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