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## Media Statement

### ILLEGAL PRACTITIONERS ARRESTED FOR SELLING FRAUDULENT MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

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**For immediate release**

**Pretoria** – The Health Professions Council of South Africa’s (HPCSA) Inspectorate Office conducted a joint operation with the Ekurhuleni East Organised Crime Unit, the Flying Squad and the Community Active Security where the two suspects were arrested for selling fraudulent medical certificates to members of the public.

During the operation, the team discovered that Mr Abel Sithole and Ms Kedibone Mavis Ramunyai were both selling fraudulent medical certificates. Mr Sithole was selling the medical certificates under the name of Dr J Dominic and Ms Ramunyai was selling the medical certificates under the name of Dr AS Semambo.

The two suspects were taken into custody at the Germiston SAPS under case numbers: 443/5/2022 and 444/5/2022 where they were both charged with fraud and being in contravention of Section 39(1)(a) of the Health Professions Act, (Act 56 of 1974). They will be appearing in the Germiston Magistrate Court.

The HPCSA believes that working in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, other regulatory bodies, the media and the general public, is a collective responsibility to ensure that illegal practitioners are exposed and most importantly reported, so that they may be prosecuted.

The Inspectorate Office is based at the Council’s Head Office in Pretoria, with regional offices in Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

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## **About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)**

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) also known as Council is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and guiding the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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