



2021/2022

DIRECTORATE FOR PRIORITY CRIME INVESTIGATION

APP Performance: 2021/2022 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION

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The purpose of the presentation is to provide an overview of the achievements of the DPCI on the Annual Performance Plan for the 2021/2022 Annual Report.

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BACKGROUND

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- The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation(DPCI) continue focused investigations on serious corruption levelled against State Owned Enterprises(SOEs) and municipalities, serious violent crimes such as cash-in transit (CIT) robberies, murder of police officials and crimes committed against organised criminal groups
- The DPCI measured on 7 Annual Performance Plan (APP) key performance indicators as well as 4 indicators which are measured under the Medium-Term Strategic Framework (MTSF).
- The Directorate managed to achieve all 11 indicators.

DPCI MANDATE

The ***mandate of the DPCI*** is to prevent, combat and investigate national priority offences focussing on:

- Serious Organised Crime;
- Serious Commercial Crime; and
- Serious Corruption.

Section 17A of the Act defines “national priority offence” as:

- Organised crime;
- Crime that requires national prevention or investigation;
- Crime that requires specialised skills in the prevention or investigation thereof, as referred to in section 16(1) of the SAPS Act.

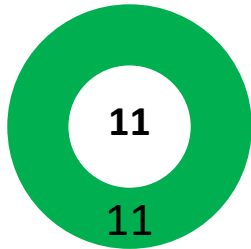


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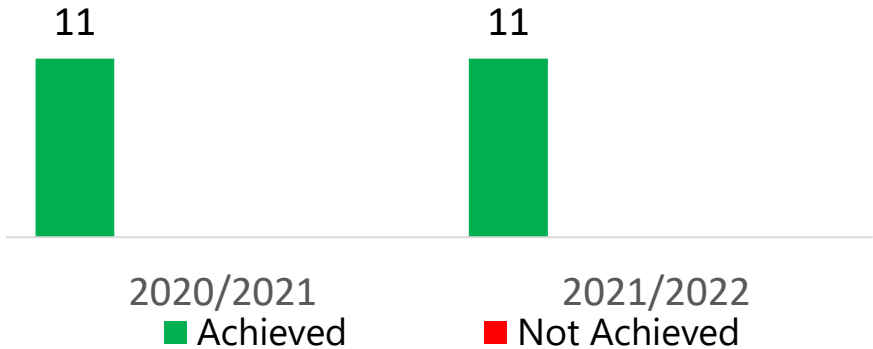
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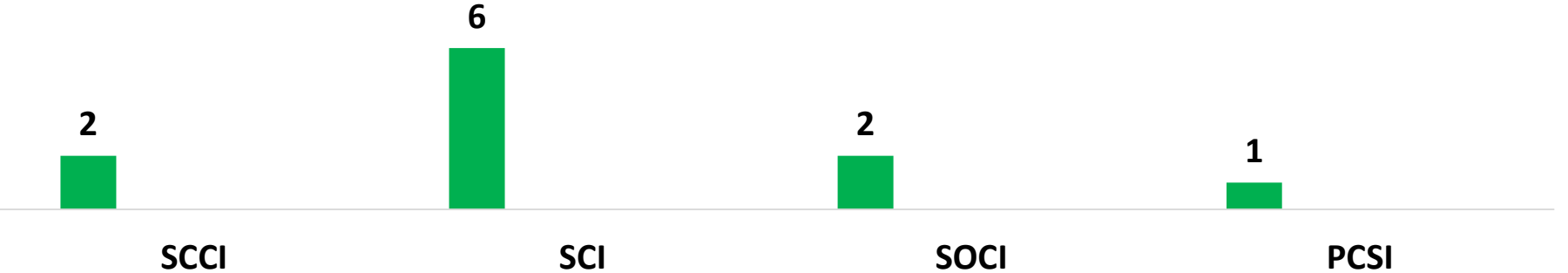


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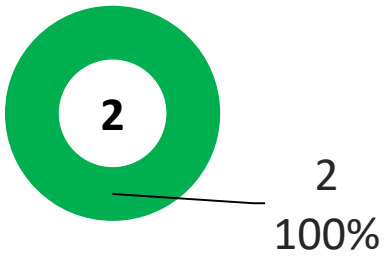
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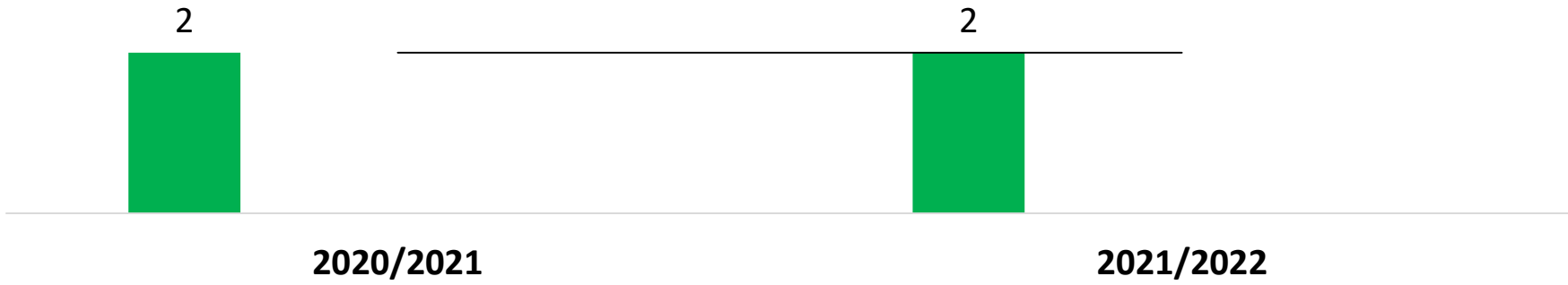
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Breakdown per Quarter



PERFORMANCE REVIEW: SCCI

2021/2022 – Annual Performance Plan(1)



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET	2020 2021 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE	2021 2022 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
Percentage of trial-ready case dockets for serious commercial crime APP	65%	66,09% (1 717 of 2 598)	66.98% (1 761 from a total of 2 629)
Conviction rate for serious commercial crime related charges MTSF	93%	98,85% (38 411 of 38 857)	99,01% (296 166 of 299 138)



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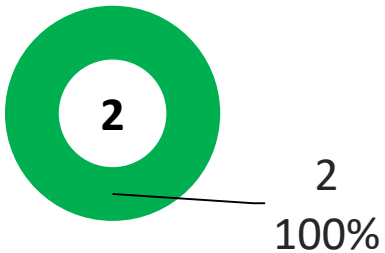
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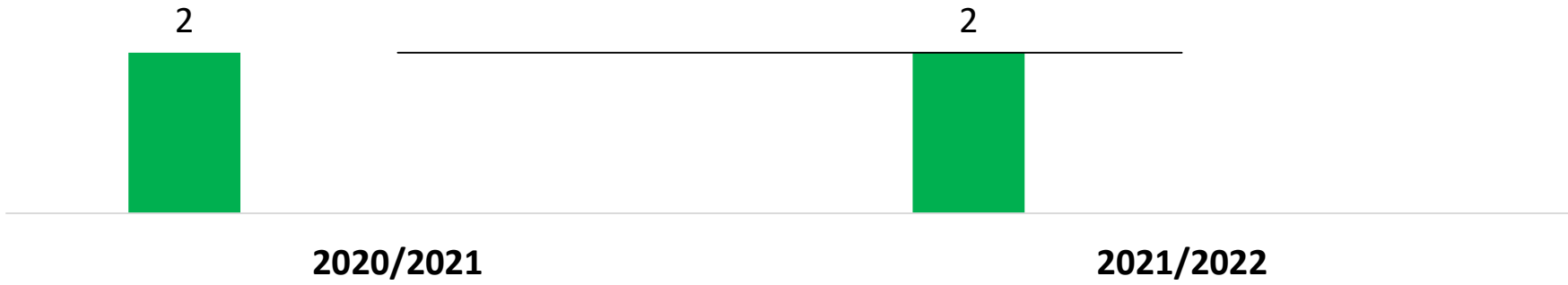
Serious Organised Crime Investigation

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Breakdown per Quarter



PERFORMANCE REVIEW: SOCI

2021/2022 – Annual Performance Plan(1)



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET	2020 2021 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE	2021 2022 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
Percentage of serious organised crime project investigations successfully closed APP	72%	78.57% (11 of 14)	72,73% (16 of 22)
Percentage of identified clandestine laboratories dismantled with arrests APP	90%	90% (27 of 30) 60 arrests	92% (23 of 25) 48 arrests



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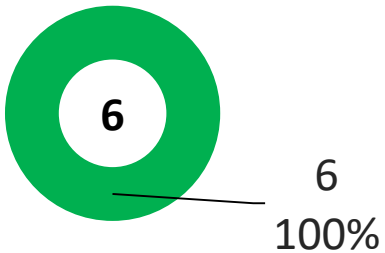
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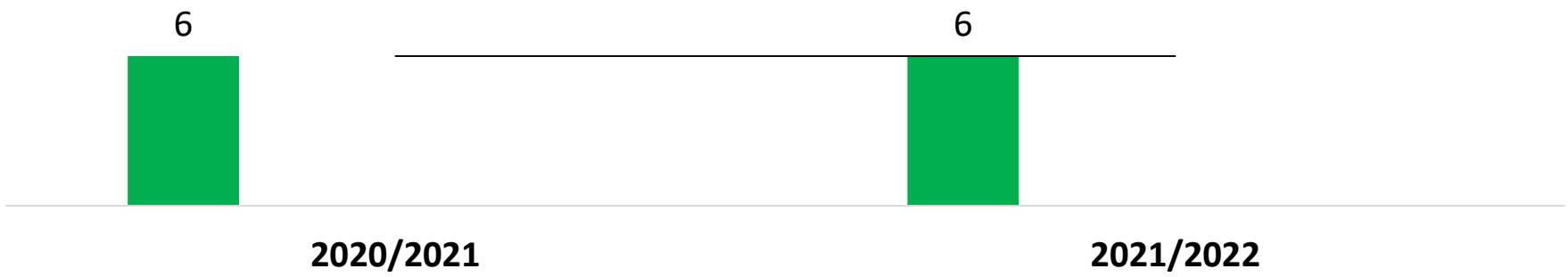
Serious Organised Crime Investigation

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Breakdown per Quarter



PERFORMANCE REVIEW: SCI

2021/2022 – Annual Performance



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	ANNUAL TARGET	2020 2021 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE	2021 2022 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
Percentage of trial-ready case dockets for serious corruption within the public sector APP	65%	72,34% (68 of 94)	86.49% (96 of 111)
Conviction rate for serious corruption in the public sector MTSF	70%	100% (1 of 1)	100% (3 of 3) Overall: 72,73% (8 of 11)
Percentage of trial-ready case dockets for serious corruption in the private sector APP	65%	78,48% (124 of 158)	76.32% (116 of 152)
Conviction rate for serious corruption in the private sector MTSF	70%	100% (20 of 20)	91.30% (21 of 23) Overall: 58,49% (31 of 53)
Percentage of trial-ready case dockets for serious corruption in the JCPS Cluster APP	65%	85,15% (304 of 357)	84.72% (316 of 373)
Conviction rate for serious corruption in the JCPS Cluster MTSF	70%	89,47% (34 of 38)	88,89% (32 of 36) Overall: 91,80% (56 of 61)



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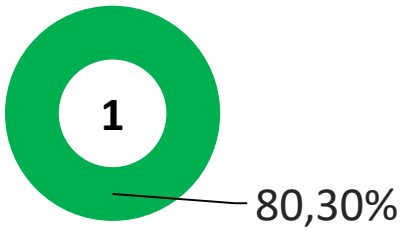
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PRIORITY CRIME SPECIALISED INVESTIGATION (PCSI)

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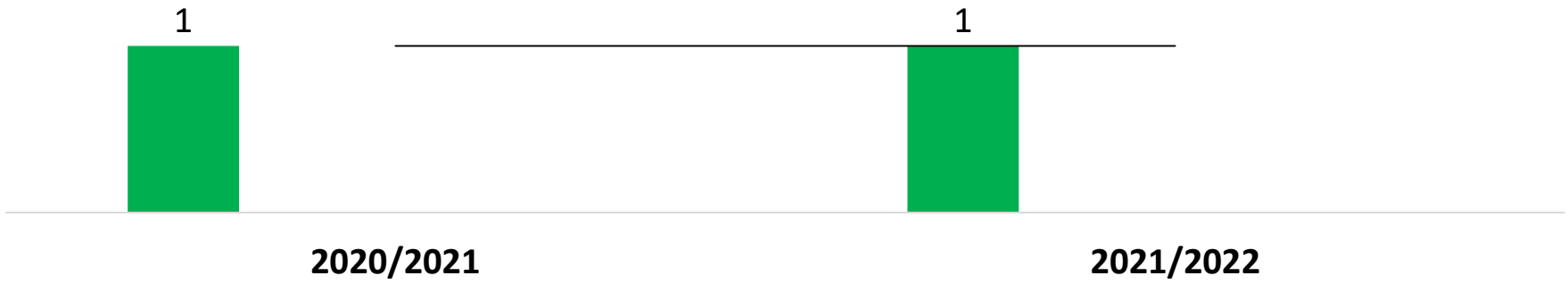
Priority Crime specialised Investigation

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Breakdown per Quarter



PERFORMANCE REVIEW: PCSI

2021/2022 – Annual Performance



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	TARGET	2020 2021 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE	2021 2022 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE	
Percentage of specialised cyber-related crime investigative support case files successfully investigated, within 90 calendar days APP	60%	65,05% (67 of 103)	80.30% (53 of 66)	



2021-2022

DPCI SUCCESSES

DPCI SUCCESSES (Arrests, Seizures & Confiscations)



The following successes with regard to the seven Annual Performance Plan indicators, were achieved over the 2021/2022 reporting period:

- A total of 2 809 **arrests** were effected, compared to 2 253, in 2020/2021, an increase of 556 arrests in the 2021/2022 financial year.
- **Convictions** amounting to 296 166 charges were secured in court for the 2021/2022 financial year, compared to 38 411 charges in 2020/2021 financial year, with an increase of 257 755 charges in the 2021/2022 financial year.
- **Seizures** with an estimated value of R697 million, counterfeit goods, precious metals and wildlife, as well as R2 billion in narcotics, were realised. A total of 626 firearms, 12 114 rounds of ammunition were seized, as well as 395 explosives. A total number of 248 vehicles valued at R 76 844 071, 00 were seized and forfeited to the state.
- A total number of 194 **Orders** including Restraint, Preservation, Confiscation and Forfeiture Orders were issued for an amount of R209 million, for a total number of 265 assets.

In line with mandate of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, to diminish **illegal narcotics** in South Africa, a total number of 25 Clandestine Drug Laboratories with 47 arrests were identified and dismantled during 2021/2022, compared to 30 laboratories dismantles with 60 arrests in 2020/2021.

Drug Seizures



DRUG TYPE	ARRESTS	WEIGHT	QUANTITY	LITER	VALUE
Cocaine	30	22966,497	18	2,400	R 1 777 524 165,00
Cocaine Rock	23	3,428	6393	-	R 8 316 162,79
Dagga	39	6652,609	651	20,000	R 8 866 731,00
Medication	7	1,000	2226	-	R 136 650,00
Hydroponic Dagga	5	546,933	10	-	R 10 659 145,00
Ecstasy	1	1,000	110	-	R 210 448,00
Heroin	57	20933,961	48362	-	R 38 234 903,00
Mandrax Tablets	48	1500,092	1628744	-	R 87 060 867,70
Magic Mushroom	0	0,200	-	-	R 6 000,00
Nyaope	0	0,069	16	-	R 2 640,00
Tik	37	92624,584	1068	-	R 60 991 759,00
Ephedrine	0	9,000	-	-	R 800 000,00
KHAT	4	50,989	128	-	R 1 436 380,00
CAT	8	3,154	5	-	R 828 700,00
Labs	48	742,399	34356	40,630	R 20 086 500,00
TOTAL	307				R 2 015 161 051,49



NEWS WORTHY SUCCESSES



HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud: Gauteng

- It is alleged by the complainant that one suspect, a former employee of E-telegram applied for UIF Ters Funds without the company's knowledge or approval. The suspect submitted his own company's account details on the application. UIF then paid money into the suspect's company's account between March 2020 and September 2020 to the value of R406 037.47. On 23 March 2022 a warrant of arrest (J50) was issued for two (2) suspects and were served on the one suspect while the other is still being sought. A cell phone belonging to the suspect was seized and booked into SAPS 13. The accused appeared in court on 24 March 2022 and the matter was remanded to 10 May 2022.
- Accused 2: On 31 March 2022 the second suspect who was on the run was traced and arrested. The accused benefitted personally with transfers from accused 1 bank account to his bank account to the value of R19 000.00 He appeared in court on 31 March 2022 and the case was remanded to 10 May 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS



Corruption: Polokwane

- On 13 October 2020 a police officer who was stationed at Westernburg SAPS was arrested for demanding R5900.00 gratification from a suspect who was arrested for dealing in drugs promising him that he would destroy the docket. Members of the Limpopo Serious Corruption Investigations were inform and the Warrant officer was arrested.
- On 11 March 2022 he was sentenced by Polokwane Serious Commercial Crime Court to six years imprisonment of which two years was suspended for five years.

HIGHLIGHTS



Corruption: Limpopo

- During 2016 a particular NPO was appointed as the implementing agents for a project when the site administrator and the site manager engaged into corrupt activities by recruiting their relatives and friends where they were paid amount of R2540.00. Those recruited relatives never performed their daily duties. The site administrator and the site manager demanded a payment of R1000.00 to R1500.00 from the recruits to be paid through the money market or deposit into their personal accounts. An amount of R900.00 was paid into the account of the manager husband' account by the project for services not rendered as well. On 15 and 16 March 2022 the Limpopo SCI held a takedown operation and arrested 22 suspects including the husband of the site manager.

HIGHLIGHTS



Corruption: Limpopo

- During 2012 a certain company was awarded a tender by Lepelle Nkumpi Local Municipality to fix the air conditioners at a Civic Hall. A payment was done to the company yet services were not rendered. Limpopo Serious Corruption Investigations investigated the matter and during March 2022 a warrant of arrest was issued against the director of the company, two municipal officials, an engineer and the former councillor. On 16 March 2022 an operation was conducted and all five were arrested.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud: Limpopo

- During 2017 and 2018 Ba-phalaborwa Municipality requested quotations for accommodation from different Hotels and they were acquired. The municipality then deposited money into the accounts supplied. They were later surprised when the hotels demanded their payments. The matter was reported to DPCI for investigations. It was revealed that false accounts were supplied to the Municipality. On 15 March 2022 DPCI Serious Corruption Investigations conducted an operation and one suspect was arrested in Gauteng. The second suspect was arrested in Western Cape on 31 March 2022.

Corruption: Limpopo

- During 2016 a South African national approached an undocumented German National and informed him that he is an immigration Consultant and that he could assist him with applying for a permanent residence permit. He demanded an amount of R170 000.00. A case was reported to DPCI Serious Corruption Investigations and on 23 March 2022 the suspect was arrested and appeared in court where he was granted bail. He will appear again before court on 10 May 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS



Corruption: Limpopo

- On 30 March 2022, DPCI SCI, issued a summons to a company and its director to appear in the Polokwane Serious Commercial Crime Court, for failing to declare R6 448 280,00, which was awarded to the company for the supply of PPE to 23 schools, in the Gauteng Province.

Corruption: Western Cape

- On 18 March 2022 members from DPCI, Serious Corruption Investigation (SCI) in the Western Cape arrested a police officer for defeating the ends of justice. During January 2022 information was received from a reliable source of possible corruption that the police officer tampered with evidence at a crime scene of a business robbery, by picking up empty cartridge cases in front of LCRC members and did not correctly handle in accordance with National Instructions and the CPA. This amounted to defeating the ends of justice.
- A search and seizure operation was done in the officer's office. The officer handed over more cartridge cases in a plastic bag to the investigating officer that were not booked into the SAPS 13.

HIGHLIGHTS



Corruption: Western Cape

- On 18 March 2022 members from DPCI Serious Corruption Investigation (SCI), Western Cape, acted upon information regarding a police officer who tampered with evidence at a crime scene of business robbery, by incorrectly handling of physical evidence (empty cartridge casings). A search and seizure operation was conducted at the police officer's residence, which resulted in the confiscation of more cartridge casings. The police officer was charged with defeating the ends of justice and corruption.

Corruption: North-West

- On 7 November 2017 information was received by Serious Corruption Investigation, North West. The complainant alleged that certain traffic officer was allegedly extorting money from motorists on the N12 between Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp. A total R9000.00 was extorted from different complainants. A witness statement was obtained from one of the victims. The Accused was arrested on 12 December 2017 and appeared before the Klerksdorp Magistrates Court where he was granted bail of R2000.00. On 28 February 2022 the accused was found guilty on all three charges of Corruption.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud and money laundering: Western Cape

- A total of 23 suspects were apprehended by the Serious Corruption Investigation (SCI) unit, in the Western Cape, during the period August 2016 to March 2021, who stand accused with the intent to defraud COGTA and Thembalethu development. They were further accused of forgery and fraud. In a separate incident, on 24 March 2022, The Western Cape SCI executed the arrest of two suspects on fraud and money laundering charges. The two accused appeared in Bellville Magistrate Court and were released on R1000.00 bail.

Corruption: Gauteng

- The complainant alleges that on 21 February 2022 he received a call from a male person who claimed to be a SARS official who offered to assist him with his personal tax related matters. During their meeting the suspect offered to clear off the R270 000.00 debt if he pays him (the suspect) an amount of R150 000.00. On 23 February 2022 SARS reported the matter to Pretoria SCI, two (2) suspects were arrested for Extortion. The accused appeared in court on 25 February 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS



Theft: Gauteng

- It is alleged that on 18 September 2020, during the execution of a warrant of arrest, the complainant discovered that the suspect has been arrested and was detained at Florida SAPS. It emerged during interrogation of the suspect that three packets containing drugs, were seized and handed to a foreign national. Upon verification, it was discovered by the complainant that only one packet was booked into the evidence store. The allegations of missing exhibits was confirmed by a member of the public who was with the police official. The arresting police official was detained, at Roodepoort SAPS and appeared in court, on 25 February 2022.

Fraud : Gauteng

- Two suspects, directors of companies, failed to register for VAT relating to PPE tender, issued by Limpopo Department of Health. A taxable amount of approximately R10 354 000.00 was paid. The accused failed to declare taxable supplies or services to the amount of approximately R813 666.57. The suspects were served with a summons and appeared in the Pretoria Specialised Commercial Crimes Court, on 25 March 2022.³²

HIGHLIGHTS



Corruption : Gauteng

- On 02 February 2022 the complainant alleged that a cleaner who works at Xavier Junction Traffic Department is selling Drivers Licenses at an amount of R4 500.00 without the driver being tested by the examiner. Two suspects, the cleaner and the examiner were arrested during a sting operation by SCI, in Gauteng. Both suspects appeared at the Booysens Magistrate Court, on 09 February 2022.

Fraud :Gauteng

- The complainant allegedly received information from FNB that that the UIF relief funds, destined for a particular company, were fraudulently deposited into an individual's private banking account. Upon investigation, the complainant established that an amount of R120 554.25 was deposited into a FNB account belonging to one of the suspects. On 15 February 2022, the accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years, wholly suspended to five years.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud : Gauteng

- The Complainant, a director of Pharmacy Link located in Soshanguve, alleged that one of his employee sent him a medical certificate on the 20 January 2021, confirming that she was off sick after she consulted a doctor for medical help. During investigation, he discovered that the certificate was fraudulent, as the alleged doctor did not have any records of the suspect consulting at his surgery. On 10 February 2022, the accused was found guilty on charges of fraud and was fined R18 000.00 or nine months imprisonment, suspended for a period of five years.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud : Gauteng

- On 6 November 2021, information was received that a suspect submitted a fraudulent pay slip with a legitimate Hawks emblem. On 9 November 2021, a search and seizure warrant was executed at a guest house where multiple identity documents, bank cards and sim cards were seized. The accused pleaded guilty, in the Heidelberg Court, on 16 February 2022 and was sentenced to four months imprisonment for contravening the SAPS Act and six months imprisonment for fraud, wholly suspended for five years.

HIGHLIGHTS



Theft and Money Laundering : Eastern Cape

The accused was found guilty of theft and money laundering, in the Hankey Regional Court, on 18 November 2021. The accused was sentenced to five years imprisonment for theft, suspended for a five-year period and five years' imprisonment for money laundering, suspended for a five-year period. A confiscation order was granted, in terms of the Section 18 of the POCA, 1998 (Act No 121 of 1998), ordering the accused to pay an amount of R33 000,00 into the Criminal Assets Recovery Fund.

Copper cable thief sentenced to 16 years in jail: Kwazulu-Natal

- The accused received a 26-year jail term, of which 10 years was suspended, in March 2022, for the theft of Transnet copper cables, worth R333 000.00, money laundering, racketeering and malicious damage to property, in the Durban Regional Court.
- In July 2012, it was discovered that copper cables had been stolen at an Estcourt tower.

HIGHLIGHTS



Damage to infrastructure and Theft of Transnet copper cable : Kwazulu-Natal

- On 14 November 2020, the police caught six suspects cutting Transnet copper cable from a railway line. A shootout ensued between the police and the suspects and two suspects were shot and killed, while four suspects were arrested. On 25 January 2022, the Ladysmith Regional Court convicted and sentenced the four accused to 12 years imprisonment for theft of copper and 10 years imprisonment for damage to essential infrastructure. Both sentences were to run concurrently.

HIGHLIGHTS



- **Illegal copper operations worth over R4.6 million : Gauteng**
- Authorities conducted an operation, in November 2021, which emanated from information received on allegations that P&P Commodities, in Randfontein, was operating and melting copper without a second-hand goods permit, foundry/refinery license, combustion license or any other environmental permit or licenses. The business was successfully closed down and copper operations were halted pending approval for a valid environmental permit or license application. SOCI, in Krugersdorp received intelligence that P&P Commodities was operational. On 7 February 2022, the Hawks, Randfontein Designated Second-Hand Goods officer and the West Rand District Municipality Environmental Department pounced, allegedly loading copper blisters into a truck for distribution, in the KwaZulu-Natal province. The investigation team confiscated 42 copper blisters worth approximately R4.6 million. Two suspects were arrested, charged and released on a R5 000 bail.

HIGHLIGHTS



Alleged battery thief to appear in court : Eastern Cape

- A 46-year-old suspect was set to appear in the Cofimvaba Magistrate's Court, 14 August 2021, for allegations of the theft of 30 Telkom batteries, worth R900 000, after being arrested by Queenstown Crime Intelligence and K9 Unit, Cofimvaba police, as well as Bridge Camp police, the Local Crime Record Centre and Queenstown SOCI. The suspect is a fugitive who escaped from lawful custody, in Queenstown, in 2016 and is also linked to hijacking a truck carrying sheep wool, in Fort Beaufort. The suspect was under police custody until first court appearance.

HIGHLIGHTS



Suspects nabbed for theft of copper cables and damage of infrastructure worth R3.6million: Northern Cape

- In April 2021, SOCI arrested five suspects, aged between 29 and 43, for alleged theft of copper cables and damaging of infrastructure worth approximately R3.6million. Essential infrastructure that supplies mines with water were extremely damaged and copper cables were stolen. The team recovered 52kg of copper cables and all suspects were detained at Kimberley SAPS and appeared before the Kimberley Magistrate's Court, on 10 August 2021.

HIGHLIGHTS



Tampering with, damaging, or destroying of essential infrastructure read with schedule 5 of the Criminal Procedure act (act 51 of 1977) : Gauteng

- Report was obtained concerning a syndicate involved in cell tower battery theft. The report led the team to Olievenhoutbos with four search warrants and an operational plan was executed. The scene was processed, accordingly and the suspects were detained at the designated police station. Five suspects were arrested on multiple charges and 13 cell tower batteries, housebreaking equipment and a Ford Ranger were seized.

HIGHLIGHTS



Theft of crude oil: Mpumalanga

•On 1 August 2020, Transnet received a pressure drop from the pipeline, at Taaibos Farm, in Zamdela, Sasolburg. After police arrived at the crime scene, they arrested five suspects loading crude oil from the valve into two trucks and two trailers. The accused were convicted and sentenced, by the Sasolburg Magistrates Court, on 18 March 2022. Accused number one was sentenced to 15 years direct imprisonment for theft and 15 years imprisonment for tampering with essential infrastructure and three accused were sentenced to a fine of R1 000.00 or 30 days imprisonment. The fifth suspect was found not guilty.

HIGHLIGHTS



Theft of Transnet fuel : Gauteng

- Two suspects were arrested, on 18 December 2021 by members of Fidelity Security Services, in Roger Road, tampering with a Transnet pipeline and was in possession of four 25 litre plastic containers, a spade and a plastic hosepipe used to drain petrol. During interrogation, the said suspects confessed to have loaded petrol onto an Isuzu Truck. The suspects were detained, at Katlehong SAPS and appeared in the Palm Ridge Court, on 20 December 2021, for tampering with essential infrastructure and theft of petrol.

HIGHLIGHTS



Illegal dealing in and possession of unwrought precious metals: Klerksdorp SOCIU in North West

- Four accused were arrested, in Primrose, during a clandestine operation after they were linked to several incidents of illegal procurement of unwrought gold. The accused were sentenced by the Palm Ridge Regional Court, on 13 April 2021 on three counts of illegal dealing in precious metals. Accused one was sentenced on three counts of illegal dealing in precious metals to a fine of R150 000.00 or five years imprisonment, of which half is suspended for five years, accused two was sentenced on one count of illegal dealing in precious metals to a fine of R50 000.00 or five years imprisonment, of which R35 000 and three years' imprisonment is suspended for five years and accused three and four were each sentenced on three counts of illegal dealing in precious metals to fines of R50 000.00 or five years imprisonment, fully suspended for five years.

HIGHLIGHTS



Conviction and Sentence : Mpumalanga

•The Delmas Regional Court, on 13 April 2021, convicted and sentenced accused one, a 18-year-old foreign national and acquitted accused two, a 25-year-old foreign national. One accused pleaded guilty on the charge of Section 4(1) of the Precious Metals Act 37, 2005. He was acquitted on the charge in terms of the Illegal Immigration Act, (Act No 13 of 2002). He was fined R50 000.00 or five years imprisonment, plus a further five years imprisonment suspended for four years on condition that he is not convicted of a similar offence during the period of suspension. The accused was also declared unfit to possess a firearm. The gold bearing material was forfeited to the State.

HIGHLIGHTS



Arrest and seizure : Gauteng

East Rand SOCI arrested an individual at OR Tambo International Airport who was in possession of 23 pieces of gold, weighing 12,2kg, valued at approximately R11 million, on 8 May 2021. The suspect did not have any permit or license to be transport gold. The suspect arrested and granted bail of R100 000.

Murder, Possession of Unlicensed F/A and Ammunition, Possession of Explosives:

KwaZulu-Natal

•Eight men were each handed 120 years' imprisonment on 15 counts for CIT-related crimes, by the Pietermaritzburg High Court, in KwaZulu-Natal, on 16 March 2022. They were arrested, on 1 September 2017 by SOCI, the STF and Crime Intelligence gathering, after intelligence was received about a group of men who were going to attack a cash van, traveling from Kokstad to Harding. During a shootout between the police and the suspects, three suspects were fatally wounded and one was injured. Five assault rifles, including two AK-47 rifles, two R1 rifles and one LM4 Rifle and two 9mm pistols, as well as commercial explosives were recovered.

HIGHLIGHTS



Cash in transit : KwaZulu-Natal

- The STF, Crime Intelligence and the DPCI received intelligence regarding a planned attack on a money van they were escorting, in the Nongoma area, on 1 February 2019. A group of heavily armed people attacked the vehicle with explosives. During a shootout between the police and the suspects, two SAPS members and seven suspects were killed. Two motor vehicles, four AK47 Rifles and four hand guns were recovered at the scene. In May 2021, one of the suspects was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for the CIT robbery and received nine life sentences for the murder of two police officials and seven robbers, by the Pietermaritzburg High Court. In total, 14 suspects were sentenced for armed robbery with aggravating circumstances, unlawfully causing an explosion, murder (police officials) and murder of suspects

HIGHLIGHTS



Murder : Gauteng

•Ten suspects were arrested who planned to commit a CIT heist, in the Johannesburg area, on 21 February 2022. Amongst the suspects was an ex-military soldier, a police officer from the Flying Squad and a police officer from the National Intervention Unit. The operational team proceeded to a safe house and shots were fired at the police helicopter. Two police officers and two suspects were fatally wounded during the shootout. Nine rifles and ammunition, eight vehicles, explosives, balaclavas and gloves were among the recoveries.

Accused convicted for illegal possession of pangolin: Northern Cape

•On 3 February 2022, a 25-year-old man was convicted and sentenced, in the Kuruman Regional Court, for attempting to sell a pangolin for R200 000. He was arrested, on 1 October 2021, during a sting operation by members from SOCI, the stock theft unit and Local Criminal Record Centre. The accused was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment or a fine of R 6000.00.

HIGHLIGHTS



Conspiring with others to commit fraud and inciting and investigating another to commit fraud : Eastern Cape

On 25 August 2018, the accused approached a bank official at First National Bank, Uitenhage, to unlawfully issue a temporary bank card for a certain account holder without his permission or knowledge. The intention was to misappropriate funds, to the value of R5.5 million. The accused was sentenced to pay a fine of R10 000.00 or 11 months imprisonment.

Fraud(failure to submit IT14 Income Tax returns (IT 14) : Eastern Cape

The accused, in the District of East London, wrongfully and unlawfully failed and/or neglected to furnish SARS with an income tax return, issued in June 2009, in contravention of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No 58 of 1962), as amended. Accused 1, 2 and 3 were found guilty on three counts. The accused was sentenced to pay a fine of R2 000.00 or six months imprisonment suspended for three years (count 1), a fine of R100 000.00 or 10 years' imprisonment, wholly suspended for five years on condition that the accused reimburse SARS an amount of R735 755.61 (count 2) and a fine of R10 000.00 or two years' imprisonment, wholly suspended for five years (count 3).

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud : Eastern Cape

- During March 2001, a well-known businessman, in Mthatha, in the Eastern Cape, passed away and left a will authorising his brother (the suspect) to act as the executor of his estate. The suspect failed to comply and duly used the funds for his personal gain. The matter was reported by the deceased's children to Mthatha the Serious Commercial Crime Investigation (SCCI) Unit for further investigation by the deceased children. The suspect appeared before Mthatha Serious Commercial Crime Court and was released on bail to the amount of R5 000.00.

Fraud and theft : Eastern Cape

- During 2011, the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), approved a loan facility to the amount of R75.68 Million for the establishment of a Private Hospital in Mthatha. After the money was deposited, the signatory of the account made withdrawals and transfers for his personal use without authority of the other partners to the project. The accused was charged and sentenced for theft(eight years direct imprisonment)and fraud(10 years direct imprisonment).

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud: Investment Scam 200 Counts :Kwazulu-Natal

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Fraud and Money Laundering : Kwazulu-Natal

- Cheques from the accounts of two businesses, which closed, in 2015, in the name of a particular motor-vehicle establishment were deposited into Standard Bank, Nedbank and First National Bank automated teller machines, between 2 and 3 March 2016. Due to the large amount being deposited the funds were cleared, immediately and transferred into various beneficiary accounts. One accused was found guilty and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment (on each counts 1 to 26), which will run concurrently and 10 years imprisonment (count 27), which will run concurrently with the sentences on counts 1 to 26. The effective term of imprisonment is 18 years imprisonment. The accused was also ordered to pay back R4.1 million to the Asset Forfeiture Unit, by 30 November 2021.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud: Contravention of the Value Added Tax Act : KwaZulu-Natal

- The accused received refunds from SARS, which were not due to him, resulting from claims submitted using false documents. The amount prejudiced to SARS, was R8 870 093.10. The accused was found guilty and all counts were taken as one and sentenced to six years imprisonment.

Fraud : Limpopo

- The accused presented fraudulent identity documents to the bank and attempted to open bank accounts, in order to transfer over R500 million from one account to another. The bank official became suspicious and alerted the authorities. Subsequently, the accused was arrested by SCCI. Two suspects were found guilty and sentenced to 15 years direct imprisonment, each, as well as two years direct imprisonment for the contravention of the Identification Act. The sentences were ordered to run concurrently. The third accused was sentenced to five years of a 15 year sentence, which will run concurrently with an eight year sentence that he is currently serving on another unrelated fraud matter. The fourth accused was found guilty and sentenced to 15 years direct imprisonment by the Polokwane Specialised Commercial Crime Court, on 10 May 2021.

HIGHLIGHTS



Theft : Eastern Cape

- The accused lodged a claim at the Road Accident Fund, on behalf of his client .The funds were paid to a trust account of the accused. The accused did not pay the money to his client, but used it for his own personal benefit. On 22 September 2021, the accused was convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment, wholly suspended for five years on condition that the accused does not commit theft during the suspension period. The accused was ordered to pay back the money to Fidelity Fund, within a five-year period.

Fraud and Theft : North West

- The accused hacked a bank account of a certain municipality and transferred an amount of R17 750 258.20 to his company bank account. The accused was found guilty and sentenced to 15 years direct imprisonment for fraud and 15 years direct imprisonment for money laundering. Both sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud Alternative Theft Contravention of Section 4 (A) Of The Prevention of Organised Crime Act- No. 121 of 1998 – Money Laundering- Western Cape

- The accused was employed by a particular municipality as an expenditure accountant, with access to online banking profiles of the municipality and was the only person who knew the access codes and passwords. During the period 29 May 2019 to 12 August 2019, the accused misappropriated funds of the municipality on 10 occasions, by making transfers to his personal bank accounts and those of an acquaintance. He requested his acquaintance to return the funds paid in his account back, under the pretence that he had a second paying job, which his employer was not aware of. The acquaintance was not charged. The accused was found guilty of 10 counts of fraud and was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment on counts 1 to 10, of which four years were suspended on condition that he would not be found guilty for theft or fraud during the period of suspension. On count 11 he was found guilty for money laundering, as per the provisions of the POCA, 1998 (Act No 121 of 1998).

Fraud : Western Cape

- Two complainants invested a total amount of R2 600 000.00 into a company. The purpose of the investment was to purchase solar power kits, where after the complainants and the accused would share in the profit. The investments of the complainants were not utilised for the purpose intended, which resulted in the complainants suffering prejudice or potential prejudice. The accused appeared in the George Regional Court, in February 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud, Theft, Forgery, uttering, and Contravention of Sections 4 and 5 of POCA, ACT 121 of 1998, Contravention of FAIS ACT, 37 of 2002 : Western Cape

- A complainant represented various companies in the SafeGroup, where he was responsible for the statutory compliance of the companies and represented them in dealings with the Workmen's Compensation Commissioner and the Department of Labour. An agreement was reached between the two parties on the amounts owed by the companies. Several payments were made by the SafeGroup of companies into the agreed bank accounts, between May 2015 and June 2017, totalling an amount of R6 027 838.70. During mid-2017, the complainant discovered that they were defrauded. It is further alleged that various documentation, e.g. certificates submitted to the complainant were forged. Three accused were charged on 212 counts of, inter alia, fraud, theft, forgery, uttering and contravention of the said Acts, as alleged by the State. Some amounts were not paid over to the Compensation Fund, but were instead utilised for unrelated personal benefit of the accused. On 18 May 2021, summons was served on the third accused.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud and Theft : Kwazulu-Natal

•The suspect who was employed at the Newcastle Municipality, during the period 2014 to 2020, was responsible for payroll functions, of which one of them included the payment of salaries from the bank using Payroll System. The suspect was one of the supervisors that were overseeing the day-to-day operations of the salaries office. During June 2020, an employee sorting payslips identified a discrepancy in that a former employee still reflected on the payroll. However, upon analysis the banking details belonged to the aforementioned accused. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had manipulated the payroll system and illegally redirected approximately R2 607 438.00 to her personal account, over a 6-year period. The accused was apprehended by Durban SCCI.

HIGHLIGHTS



Fraud: RAF: Kwazulu-Natal

- The accused lodged a false claim to the Road Accident Fund, resulting in that the accused was found guilty of fraud and was sentenced to a fine of R200 000.00 or five years imprisonment and was further fined R100 000.00 or three years imprisonment, suspended for five years on the following conditions: that the accused is not found guilty of fraud or theft or an attempt thereto committed during the period of suspension and that the accused undergo three years correctional supervision, in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act, Act 51 of 1977. The accused was to pay R100 000.00, by 13 October 2021 and R10 000.00, by 14 October 2021. Thereafter, the accused should pay an amount of R1 333.33, on or before the 7th of each succeeding month, until the amount of R100 000.00 is paid. The accused was also declared unfit to possess a firearm.



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