



MEDIA STATEMENT

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ATT: News Editors, Health Reporters

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GAUTENG HEALTH CALLS ON PUBLIC MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN SWINDLED THROUGH JOBS-FOR-CASH SCAM TO ASSIST WITH INVESTIGATIONS

The Gauteng Department of Health urges community members who have been promised a job in a public hospital or clinic and asked to transfer money to guarantee employment to come forth and assist it in its investigations into the scam.

This scam involves members of a syndicate, that approaches job applicants who then provide blank employment contracts. These contracts are sent using an email address claiming to be that of the Gauteng Department of Health.

To an unsuspecting eye these contracts look legitimate until further scrutinizing the content more closely. The contract is presented as a blank document containing an incorrect date stamp.

Applicants are deceived into believing that the syndicate member is an official of the Department and the contract is genuine. The syndicate uses this to their advantage and requests a sum of R2500-00 prior to issuing the contract.

The Department's Governance Risk and Compliance Directorate has made progress in the investigation of this scam, and as such it has been able to trace the bank account,

which has since been closed, however, it needs further information to open a Police case and bring those behind the scam to book.

To arrange for meeting kindly send an email or call Advocate Jaylan Chetty on: 0614745714 or email: jaylan.chetty@gauteng.gov.za.

It should be noted that the Department advertises vacancies through appropriate and trustworthy channels such as the Gauteng Online portal, Department of Public Service and Administration website, Department of Health website and national newspapers.

Furthermore, employment application forms at our hospitals and clinics are dropped in designated boxes which are processed by human resources personnel as per procedures.

Anyone approached and promised a job in exchange for money should immediately report that to the South African Police Services so such allegations are investigated and perpetrators are brought to justice.

The public can also report suspicious activities to the Gauteng Provincial Government Public Liaison Hotline: 08600 11 000 or the Vuvuzela Hotline:

- Tel: 012-6645568
- Fax: 012-6640307
- Email: office@thehotline.co.za
- Web: www.thehotline.co.za

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