Registration scam uncovered

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THE Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works said yesterday it was taking action against an official after uncovering a vehicle registration scam.

Department spokesperson Byron la Hoe said the official worked in the Transport Administration and Licensing Unit.

The alleged corruption was uncovered in August last year during a training event. La Hoe said a car that was inspected at the event was unroadworthy, yet had been issued with a roadworthy certificate.

"The official and three accomplices have appeared in court on charges of fraud, corruption, money laundering and racketeering", he said.

The Western Cape government fraud and corruption hotline is 0800 701 701.