

# Municipality swoops on tyre-theft four

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THE eThekweni municipality has launched an internal investigation to determine the extent of corruption and to “find out what controls are in place at our stores and supply-chain management unit”.

This follows the court appearance of four men, including a Chatsworth businessman and a municipal employee who

worked as a driver at the city’s material management department, who were arrested and charged for stealing municipal tyres.

Police arrested the four for illegally selling municipal vehicle tyres, spokesman Thabo Mofokeng said last night.

They appeared in the Wentworth Magistrate’s Court where they were released on R5 000 bail each.

It is believed the other two men are the businessman’s son and their employee.

Mofokeng said police seized a large batch of tyres for light and heavy vehicles during a swoop on a home and business premises on Friday and Saturday. Some of the tyres, clearly branded as municipal property, were removed from buses parked on the premises.

“Police made the arrests

after receiving a tip-off,” he said. Mofokeng added the city was still assessing the value of the tyres.

City manager Sibusiso Sithole welcomed the arrests, thanking the whistleblower who alerted the police. “We appreciate the prompt response by law-enforcement agencies. We appeal to anyone who is involved to come forward before it is too late,” he said.

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