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MASHILO WELCOMES ARREST OF ALLEGED RDP FRAUDSTERS

The country's historical vision to afford housing, security and comfort is not a mirage for as long we pull together towards full realization of our aspirations as espoused in the Freedom Charter and government's policy on housing. Mpumalanga Settlements MEC Speedy Mashilo made this assertion upon learning of the arrest of three alleged RDP houses fraudsters who are currently out on bail. The trio are reported to have been arrested on Friday on charges of fraud and corruption and already appeared in Middleburg Magistrates Court.

The department had for some time declared war and seen as enemy of the people those who steal from them. "The issue of illegal selling of RDP houses and fraud associated with it has been one thing troubling the department and we have always wanted to nip it on the bud and eradicate it completely. The inhumane act of defrauding deserving and needy beneficiaries of their houses cannot be reconciled with and must be dealt with", charged Mashilo.

Mashilo also welcomed the efforts of the law enforcement agencies in their coordinated efforts to clamp down on housing fraud. "We obviously welcome these developments as they send a clear message to all involved in these heinous schemes of robbing our people their right to decent housing. We commend the work of law enforcement in ensuring that complaints on RDP fraud are followed through", said Mashilo. He added that his department will continue to intensify its campaigns against this fraud in RDP houses.

The members of the public are encouraged to report cases of RDP fraud to authorities and the Department. The Department also wants to discourage communities from illegally buying and selling government subsidized houses.

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