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## **Media Statement: Pretoria High Court officials placed on precautionary suspension**

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Three Pretoria High Court OCJ officials have been placed on immediate precautionary suspension on 14 May 2025. The three officials, who cannot be named at this time, are suspects in an ongoing investigation by the South African Police Service's Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (the Hawks) looking into fraudulent and corrupt activities in the Court. The OCJ takes a zero-tolerance approach to fraud and corruption and the officials were therefore placed on precautionary suspension to allow investigations to proceed without being compromised.

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