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THE ARREST OF A TEACHER IN POSSESSION OF DRUGS, AN ILLEGAL FIREARM HAS DISMAYED THE DEPARTMENT.

The department has noted with disappointment the news of the arrest of a teacher for allegedly dealing in drugs, more that the scourge of drug abuse has been ravishing communities, especially the school going youth who should be under the teacher's care and protection.

The 33-year-old teacher from Mashashane Combined high school was arrested by SAPS in the Polokwane CBD on Tuesday, 16 July 2024, after the vehicle he was traveling in was searched. Money and drugs to the street value of R20 000 together with an unlicensed firearm were found, allegedly in his possession.

"We condemn such criminal misconduct with the contempt and disgust it deserves. Although we can't comment on the merits of the case as the matter is sub-judice, the department's disciplinary procedures will be instituted as soon as the teacher reports for duty." MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya said.

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