



## **CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN LEAGUE WITH A PROPERTY SYNDICATE**

The Hawks uncovered a syndicate that swindled a government department into paying more than R40 million to rent properties that the department never occupied. FIC analysis uncovered gratification payments by the syndicate to officials working in the department that awarded the tender. These payments were used to buy movable and immovable assets. This information assisted the SAPS and resulted in successful prosecution of the officials for corruption.