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### Well-known business man arrested for suspected tax fraud

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**Pretoria, 27 August 2009** - The SA Police Services Commercial Crime Unit in Welkom yesterday arrested a well-known business man from the Welkom mining industry in connection with suspected tax fraud of R20 million.

Mr. Jan Marthinus Stevens (66) Welkom appeared before the Magistrates court in Welkom and was released on bail of R10 000. The court took into consideration that the accused was a pensioner and had a fixed place of residence.

The suspected fraud relates to Income Tax and VAT contraventions relating to the business Stevens Specialised Mining.

SARS investigators investigated the case after an audit indicated certain irregularities and handed it over to the Specialised Tax Unit (STU) of the NPA in Bloemfontein for prosecution. The STU issued the warrant of arrest for Mr Stevens.

The accused is expected to appear again in court on the 27 October 2009 at the Welkom Regional court.