



## News Release

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### **PPS confirms 'no prosecution' decisions over police vehicle contracts investigation**

The PPS today (Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December) has confirmed that eight individuals will not be prosecuted in connection with an investigation into the awarding of police vehicle contracts.

The decision was taken following a careful consideration of a large and complex file submitted to the PPS by the PSNI. The offences under investigation included bribery and misconduct in public office.

It has been concluded that the Test for Prosecution is not met as the available evidence does not provide a reasonable prospect of a conviction.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

1. The PPS received files on a total of nine individuals in relation to this investigation and has decided not to prosecute any of those reported.
2. One of those decisions – in relation to a 51-year-old man – was confirmed in April 2015. The final eight decisions have been confirmed today.
3. The eight individuals who received notification of a decision today represent a mixture of police employees, former and current police officers and civilians.
4. In every case considered, the PPS takes a decision by applying what is known as the Test for Prosecution. The prosecutor must decide whether there is sufficient evidence to put a person on trial. The Test for Prosecution has two elements. It involves an assessment as to whether the available evidence provides a reasonable prospect of conviction - and, if it does, whether prosecution is in the public interest.

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