



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Joint investigation leads to charges**

The Western Australian Police Force has today charged a senior public servant from the Department of Communities with two counts of official corruption.

It is alleged that over the past two years the senior public servant has corruptly obtained more than \$2.5 million.

A second man, who is not a public servant but is allegedly an associate of the public servant is also facing the same charges.

The charges follow an intensive joint investigation initiated by the Corruption and Crime Commission. Both men are in Police custody and have been refused bail until their appearance before the Perth Magistrates Court tomorrow morning.

As part of the investigation, WA Police executed search warrants at a Mosman Park home, the Department of Communities office in Perth and at other locations this morning.

The Director General of the Department of Communities has been briefed and provided assistance to investigators.

Given the seniority of the public servant involved and due to other particular circumstances, the relevant Ministers have also been made aware of this matter.

The two charged are due to appear in the Perth Magistrates Court on Friday 15 November.

The joint Corruption and Crime Commission and WA Police Force investigation is ongoing.

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