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THE JOHANNESBURG Property Company (JPC) and the city have handed their investigation into the alleged fraudulent sale of millions of rands worth of council property, including the Norscott Koppies and Kingfisher Nature Reserve, to the police.

The lawyers alleged to have been involved in the transac-

Probe into sale of council property

tions, Peet Viljoen and Maringa Attorneys, have been reported to the SA Law Society.

Viljoen acted as the transferring attorney for the council to Eildoug Investments, and from Eildoug to Zambrotti and Zamien Investments.

These companies bought 25

tracts of land for R82 million from Eildoug.

But the transactions were done without the approval of the full Joburg council, which is mandatory for land deals involving council land.

Ashton Brodick, of the JPC, said: "Both criminal and civil

routes are being pursued to ensure that the properties are all recovered and that the alleged perpetrators are brought to book."

Brodick said the deeds office had confirmed that there were various irregularities in the transactions.

There were also irregularities in the transfer duty receipts and the rates clearance certificates.

The prices of the various properties were not included in the powers of attorney documents, which were allegedly forged.

There were also indications that the signature of JPC director Helen Botes was forged, Brodick added.

