

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC CELE WELCOMES SCOTTSBURG DRUNKEN DRIVER'S SENTENCE

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Cele welcomes the sentence imposed by the Scottsburgh Magistrate Court of a 21 year old man who was caught driving at high speed under the influence of alcohol at Scottsburgh on the 22 March 2008.

This sentence resulted after the RTI were doing routine checks between Park Rynie and Sezela N2 South Coast. Kyle Hudson (21) from Phoenix was caught driving at a speed of over 200km per hour and was legally drunk with a blood alcohol level of 1,04mlg. He was immediately detained at a nearby police station. He was released on bail pending his appearance in court. He was found guilty on two charges, speeding and drunken driving with a fine of R45000 or 36 months in prison. He paid R22000 on Monday.

"We welcome the sentence imposed by the Magistrate at Scottsburgh. We fully support the ongoing law enforcement that is aimed at detecting "lunatic" speeding. The department welcomes a strong unambiguous signal sent by the magistrate in sentencing the accused in what we regard as a proper manner," said Cele.

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