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MEC CELE APPLAUDS RTI OFFICERS AT PARK RYNIE

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has applauded the RTI officers at Park Rynie for successfully impounding a bus belonging to MWEZI ENTERPRIZE this follows an extensive operation which was held at Park Rynie this morning (17/10/08) where a bus was caught with hazardous faults posing a huge risk to passengers.

Preliminary reports have revealed that a bus was on travel from Eastern Cape to Port Shepstone yesterday and this morning from Port Shepstone to Phoenix but was intercepted at Park Rynie by RTI officers. The bus had displayed false license discs and in a despicable condition. Both the front windscreens were held together by means of silo-tape, the rear shock absorbers were broken off completely from the stabilizer bar cradle and tied together with a piece of rope; other faults such as brakes, oil leaks, bodywork, loose wiring, and exhaust tied with wire etc

The bus was last tested for roadworthiness in 2007 and was operating illegally. The owner will be charged for Fraud of the false license disc displayed on the bus.

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“It is very sad and appalling to find passengers exposed to such extreme danger whilst businesses are making profit at an expense of innocent lives. Such unlawful acts are unspeakable and will be dealt with accordingly. A job well done to RTI officers for maximizing enforcement operations. We will continue to DEFEND THE WEAK - ALUFAKWA KWAZULU – NATALI LIBUYA NAWWE! ”, said Cele.

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