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CELE WARNS DRUNKEN DRIVERS ARE SKATING ON THIN ICE

KZN MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has issued a stern warning to all motorists in the province who drive under the influence of alcohol; he further reiterated that they are skating on thin ice. This follows 53 people who were arrested for drinking and driving this weekend alone, with 10 drivers licenses having been suspended during the month of October.

Although numerous warnings have been sent out regarding intensive law enforcement during Transport Month, the number of drunken drivers is alarming. Pietermaritzburg is holding the highest figures compared to other regions. South African legislation permits for the suspension of driver's licenses for a period of up to five years, hence 10 drivers have lost their drivers licenses in KwaZulu-Natal namely, Busobakhe Heronimus Mdlangathi from Stanger and Christie Dhrumaraj from Verulam, Y. Naidoo, N.G. Ntshiza, C. Nyuswa, S.R Nyawose, C Naicker, I.N Naidoo, R.J Ntshangase, and S.S Ngcobo.

"Road safety education and awareness is ongoing and the rolling enforcement plan is implemented 365 days a year to ensure 100% compliance to all road users. It is most definitely a high price to pay for your freedom if you don't have independent transport, so if you want to keep your drivers license and be an independent driver - OBEY THE RULES OR PAY THE PRICE," said Cele

Meanwhile, the roll-out plan for implementing computerized learners license testing KwaZulu-Natal Drivers License Testing Station's (DLTS) has been successful. Ulundi, Melmoth, Eshowe and Nongoma have been completed. The new system comprises of testing in more than two languages, and the advantages of this newly introduced system is that it helps to prevent corruption in the issuing of learners licenses.

The maximum waiting period is a week on completion. The candidates can submit their tests to the computer and results are displayed immediately.

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