

MEDIA ALERT

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ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

DRIVER NABBED DOING 220 KM ON THE N2

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has commended as good work the arrest of a driver who was caught driving at an excessive speed by the Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) on the N2, at iFafa.

It is alleged that in the late hours of yesterday (Monday, May 27, 2013) the driver of a BMW was caught speeding at 202 km per hour in a zone of 120 km on the N2 South near Ifafa. He was then taken to the Hibberdene police station. He was released on a bail of R3000.

Mchunu applauded the police who apprehended the motorist and encouraged other officers to unite and arrest wrong doers on the road.

The MEC will be delivering his budget speech for the Department of Transport, Community Safety and Liaison on Friday (31/05/2013) and is expected to announce new plans and interventions to ensure compliance on the road.

Mchunu will also reveal the shocking statistics of people who have been arrested for driving at excessive speeds and fines that have been paid to government for transgressions on the road.

"I find this to be a total disregard of the laws of our roads. I view this as tantamount to suicide. I would like to encourage other officers to arrest motorists who speed excessively. As a department we will continue to be visible on the road and increase law enforcement. We will also continue to intensify our programmes to curb road accidents. It is however alarming that people continue to speed as we continue to lose many lives through road accidents caused by speeding. Just last week we buried six members from one family because of a road accident. I appeal to motorists to adhere to correct speed limits," said Mchunu.

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