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MEC WILLIES MCHUNU EXPRESSES ANGER AND DISGUST AT A DRIVER WHO WAS ARRESTED TRAVELLING AT 211 KM/H ON THE N2

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has expressed anger and disappointment at a Peugeot driver who was arrested driving at 211kms/h on the N2.

The driver was nabbed by the Department of Transport's Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) in Park Ryne, south of Durban, last night.

He was driving at a speed of 211 km/h at a zone of 120 km/h, which is way above the legal speed limit.

When stopped by the police, the driver tried to run away. Police gave chase and arrested him.

It was also discovered that the driver was driving under the influence of alcohol and was detained by the Scottburgh SAPS. He was given a bail of R1 000 and is due to appear in court again on Monday.

The arrest of this driver is part of the heightened enforcement and increase in traffic police visibility as the Department of Transport is working flat-out to curb the road carnage and end transgressions on the road.

Reacting to this arrest, MEC Mchunu, expressed disgust that at a time when we all are calling for responsible driving, someone could drive at such an excessive speed.

"I doubt any reasonable person who understands the calamities caused by traffic violations would drive at such a speed. Clearly, this driver has no regard for the rule of law. This is the kind of errant behaviour that costs us thousands of lives of innocent people. I strongly commend the RTI team who managed to arrest this irresponsible driver," said Mchunu.

He added that this should send a strong message to all motorists that traffic officers working with the SAPS and municipal officers in KZN are on high alert as the festive season is drawing closer.

"We urge all road users to take responsibility by strictly respecting and adhering to all traffic laws, at all times. Let's all work together towards preventing the occurrence of road accidents this festive season and beyond," said Mchunu.
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