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MEDIA STATEMENT

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FEMALE DRIVER ARRESTED DOING 201KM/H ON THE N2, SOUTH OF DURBAN

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has reacted with shock at a female driver who was nabbed driving at 201km/h on the N2, south of Durban.

According to the report by the Department of Transport's Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI), a female driver was driving a BMW one series yesterday in a 120 km/h zone.

It also appeared that she has a pending case of drinking and driving and she was convicted in another case of violating traffic laws where she previously received a fine.

The Scottburgh police gave her a R5 000 bail and she is due to appear in court tomorrow.

Reacting to her arrest, MEC Mchunu described the motorist's behaviour as unacceptable and hazardous to other road users.

"We find it very difficult to understand that a licensed driver can drive at such an unacceptably high speed. This kind of errant behaviour costs innocent lives on the road. It is this kind of behaviour that informs us to call for punitive measures and driver licences to be taken away from individuals who continue to violate traffic laws," said Mchunu.

Mchunu welcomed the R5 000 bail given but added that the fine alone was not enough.

"We wish the judiciary can begin to take traffic violations as serious offences and impose heavy sentences to irresponsible motorists. We also call on all motorists to take responsibility on the road and respect the rule of law," said Mchunu.

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