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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### **MEC MCHUNU COMMENDS THE ARREST OF A DRUNKEN SPEEDSTER NABBED ON THE N2 - ELLINGHAM**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, commends the Park Rynie speed enforcement unit for successfully nabbing a drunken speedster on the N2 near Ellingham last night.

Reports reveal that Mr Thinta Zwane (42) driving a Mercedes hatchback was nabbed doing 168km/h. It is alleged that he failed to stop and fled when the Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) officers stopped him, which resulted in a high speed chase from Park Rynie to Hibberdene.

He was subsequently nabbed and charged for speed, failing to stop, reckless, negligent driving and for driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was detained at Scottburgh SAPS with the bail set at R10, 000.00 He appeared in the Scottburgh court today.

"The province of KwaZulu-Natal does not tolerate any kind of misbehavior on the roads. If you decide to break the law you will be charged accordingly. Just last Friday (17 July 2015) we had a horrific accident at Bulwer that claimed the lives of eight people, which could have been avoided had the drivers adhered to the rules of the road and exercised caution. We discourage strongly the conduct of drinking and driving, speeding and defeating the ends of justice because this is all totally wrong and utterly irresponsible. When some road users deliberately act irresponsibly, they endanger the lives of innocent people and sometimes breadwinners, which has a devastating impact on families," said Mchunu.

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