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## MEC KAUNDA COMMENDS R18000 FINE OF RECKLESS DRIVER IN PORT SHEPSTONE

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has commended the R18000 fine meted out to a speedster who was arrested earlier this month in Park Rynie, south of Durban.

According to reports, the motorist (Mr. Ivan Botha, aged 28) was nabbed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 while speeding in a Golf 6 GTI at 220 km/h, way above the 120 km/h limit on the N2 national route. He was arrested by the Park Rynie-based Department of Transport's Road Traffic Inspectorate team, and held in custody at the Scottburgh police station.

Today the Scottburgh's magistrate (Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2016) handed down a fine of R18000. Kaunda commended the magistrate court's judgment.

"We applaud the Scottburg's magistrate court's judgment handing down a fine of R18000 to the speedster, which should be a great lesson to all who endanger our lives. Speedsters are like murderers, because at any moment their actions could lead to devastating consequences including death and maiming of other road users. More so, we commend the great work of the department's Road Traffic Inspectorate team in the Park Rynie station, who always catch speedsters travelling to the South Coast. It is high time all road users, especially motorists started taking our call for road safety seriously, and realise that it's about life and death. Everybody's safety depends on the responsibility we all should exercise when using public roads, which is to respect road traffic rules and signs at all times," said Kaunda.

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