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MEC KAUNDA CALLS FOR HARSHER SENTENCES ON RECKLESS DRIVERS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda has noted the sentencing of the two motorists who were charged with two separate tragic crashes in the province.

While Stephan Bothma was sentenced to six months after being involved in a drunk-driving crash that left a woman engineer, Taariqa Archary paralysed, Omesh Ramnarian was found guilty and sentenced to 10 years on two counts of culpable homicide relating to the death of two cyclists.

Kaunda said that while he welcome the conviction of the two motorists, he would have preferred that the court issued harsher sentences to the convicts to send a strong message to members of the public that anyone who disobey the road rules will face the full might of the law.

“Drinking and driving is a major cause of fatal crashes on our roads. Therefore this would have been a great opportunity for the court to issue a stern warning that drinking and driving will not be tolerated on our roads,” said Kaunda.

Kaunda said that the Department will initiate a process in the province with the Department of justice that will see harsher sentences being imposed on reckless drivers.

“These engagements will also include classifying of road traffic offences as schedule five (serious offences),” said Kaunda.

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