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MEC NTULI WELCOMES THE SUCCESSFUL CONVICTION OF TWO RTI OFFICERS WHO DEMANDED A BRIBE FROM A MOTORIST IN GINGINDLOVU

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Ntuli has welcomed the courts decision of sentencing two Road Traffic Inspectorate Officers, Provincial Inspector Buthelezi (42) and Provincial Inspector Dube (33), in Gingindlovu for demanding a bribe from a motorist.

Reports reveal that on the 13 May 2017 at about 15:27 between Eshowe and N2, two RTI officers demanded and received an amount of R3500 from a motorist who had allegedly overtaken two vehicles on a barrier line. The motorists paid under the impression that the money was to bail him out of prison. He was not issued with a receipt or given a date which he would appear in court. He was instead given a cellphone number which belonged to one of the officials which was linked to a Capitec bank account in order to deposit money into it. After depositing the money, he was released. A full investigation was established until the successful arrest of the two suspects.

On Friday 04 October 2019, the two officers appeared before the Durban Commercial Crime Court and they were each sentenced to six years imprisonment, one year was suspended for five years.

MEC Ntuli said: "I welcome the successful conviction of Dube and Buthelezi by the Durban court. This is evident that even law makers who break the law will face the full might of the law. We welcome the complainant who was brave enough to take stand and report the matter without fear. I encourage all motorists to report such crimes so that we can curb corruption at all levels. I want to issue a strong warning to officers to refrain from soliciting bribes from road transgressors because that defeats our efforts of fighting the decay of corruption and fighting against road carnages," said Ntuli

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