



MEDIA ADVISORY

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MEC SIPHO HLOMUKA WELCOMES POLICE BUST IN DRIVER LICENSE FRAUD AND CALLS FOR TOUGHER ACTION AGAINST INCOMPETENT DRIVERS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka, has welcomed the arrest of three suspects involved in the fraudulent obtaining of learners' licenses.

As part of their nefarious action, this has resulted to the cancellation of more than 20 learners' licenses.

The suspects were acting as "jockeys" writing learners' licenses examinations on behalf of the applicants in return for money.

The syndicate has been going on in several centres in the province including Pinetown, Camperdown and Howick. The suspects were arrested after a thorough investigation conducted by the Department of Transport's Public Transport Enforcement Services (PTES) with the assistance of the South African Police Services (SAPS). The suspects are due to appear in court soon.

This arrest is subsequent to a number of investigations that are being conducted in many Driver License Testing Centres (DLTCs) as part of curbing the illegal issuing of licenses. These investigations are also complimenting the national efforts which are led by the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) which recently announced interventions in dealing with these criminal syndicates in all testing centres.

Welcoming these developments, MEC Hlomuka said the illegal issuing of learners and drivers' licenses is a serious issue that is resulting on the alarming levels of crashes and fatalities on the road.

"Incompetent driving which is characterized by high level of negligent is a serious issue in our province. We are leaving no stone unturned in addressing the issue of fraud and corruption in our testing centres. We are coming after everyone including applicants, driving school owners and our own examiners. Government is serious about improving the quality and the competency of drivers on our roads. This is part of our endeavor to reduce the levels of accidents and road related deaths."

As the province continues to experience inclement weather, we further call on road users to adjust their driving habits and be extra cautious.



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The provincial government, this Friday, 11 November 2022 is preparing to unveil the festive season safety plans which will be characterized by massive enforcement operations to promote safety in communities and on the road.

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