

A 44-year-old female public prosecutor is one of the 54 motorists arrested for drinking and driving last night: Duma asks, "What is the contribution of the legal fraternity in curbing road fatalities caused by binge drinking?"

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We wish to inform the people of KwaZulu-Natal and the country as a whole that last night, our highly dedicated and efficient team from Road Traffic Inspectorate arrested a 44-year-old female Public Prosecutor for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The prosecutor was nabbed at 23h01 driving on the R620, Marine Drive in Margate, Port Shepstone.

The case number is 597/08/2025.

According to RTI, her reading was 0.83mg/L, which is four times over the legal limit.

We are encouraged by the determination displayed by our highly dedicated and efficient team from RTI.

Our Zero Tolerance, No Nonsense and Alufakwa campaign is our only weapon in our battle against drinking and driving.

Hopefully, this latest arrest will ignite a conversation around the contribution of the legal fraternity in curbing road fatalities caused by binge drinking.

Alcohol is ravaging families, creating orphans and widows, and leaving a trail of destruction.

Studies are highlighting 62,300 deaths related to alcohol use and more than R433 billion in economic burden on South Africa.

Over the past two weeks alone, the RTI team has arrested more than 130 motorists for drinking and driving.

A total of 54 motorists were arrested last night in multi-disciplinary roadblocks led by female commanders.

The breakdown is as follows:

- Durban - 21
- Pietermaritzburg - 18
- Ladysmith - 14
- Empangeni - 1

Based on these figures, we have to acknowledge that the department alone has no chance of dealing a permanent blow on road accidents caused by drinking and driving.

We must work together to save the nation from a pervasive binge-drinking culture.

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