

A reckless and dishonest civil engineer in KZN has earned himself a criminal record: Duma is in high spirits as the highly motivated RTI team cleans up more than 34 000 kilometers of our road networks

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: As we wrap up Transport Month, a reckless and dishonest civil engineer in KZN has earned himself a criminal record.

A 43-year-old, Shekendra Bhagwandin, from Reservoir Hills was caught by our highly motivated Road Traffic Inspectorate Team speeding.

He was travelling at a speed of 217 km/h in a 120 km/h zone on 28 September 2025. He was stopped on his way to causing irreparable damage to innocent road users.

He felt invisible in his BMW M3, which did not have a front number plate affixed. This was a clear sign of an attempt to evade detection by fixed-speed cameras.

We pay tribute to RTI Officers T. Simpson and R. Brijlall for their ability to sustain a no-nonsense, zero-tolerance, and Alufakwa campaign.

The driver was arrested for exceeding the prescribed speed limit. He was detained at Scottburgh SAPS and subsequently released on R2 000 bail.

The accused appeared in court on 30 October 2025, where he pleaded guilty to the offence. He was fined R35 000 or sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment, with half of the sentence suspended for five (5) years on condition that he does not commit a similar offence during this period.

A few days ago, a lawyer was convicted and sentenced for speeding and reckless driving.

The recent successful prosecutions and convictions are as a result of an integrated approach involving RTI, the South African Police Service, and the Justice and Constitutional Development Department.

RTI will continue to be firm, as we don't want reckless drivers to turn KZN road networks into killing fields

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