

A speeding and reckless lawyer has been convicted and sentenced. The lawyer has earned a permanent criminal record: Duma is hopeful that the Legal Practice Council will not turn a blind eye but will show a public display of transparency and accountability.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We welcome the conviction and sentencing of a speeding and reckless lawyer, Monde Nzima, by the Scottburgh Magistrate's Court.

On the 3rd of August 2025, we issued a statement commending our energized and highly efficient team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate in Park Rynie. This followed the swift arrest of the 32-year-old lawyer from Umtata.

He was caught at 08h08 on the 2nd August during a routine speed enforcement operation along the N2.

He was driving a blue Mercedes-Benz C200, clocking a staggering 222 km/h in a 120 km/h zone. He failed to stop, and the RTI team (T. Simpson & R. Brijlall) chased after him, and he was apprehended.

The accused appeared in court on 27 October 2025, where he pleaded guilty to the offence.

He was sentenced to a R40,000 fine or 24 months' imprisonment, half of which was suspended for five (5) years, on condition that he does not commit a similar offence during that period.

Following this sentencing, the conversation that we should have as a society should focus on whether speeding and running away from traffic officers is an accepted behaviour from lawyers.

We are hopeful that the Legal Practice Council, a body mandated to regulate the professional conduct of legal practitioners, will not turn a blind eye but will show a public display of transparency and accountability.

By and large, our efforts to end carnage on our road networks could be enhanced by tough action adopted by the professional bodies, such as the Legal Practice Council.

We have in the past pointed out that speedsters and reckless drivers were causing so much suffering and socio-economic struggles for many individuals and their families.

Families of victims of road crashes are being pushed to abject poverty as a result of the loss of income and disability.

For our part as the Department, through our Zero Tolerance - No Nonsense and Alufakwa Campaign, we are determined to ensure that there are consequences for those who create orphans and widows.

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