

**Two SAPS officers and a taxi driver (overloaded with 24 passengers) were arrested last night for drinking and driving: Duma has announced that the Zero Tolerance, No Nonsense and Alufakwa campaign is being intensified by our highly efficient and dedicated RTI**

Media and Public Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Everyday, our highly dedicated and efficient team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate is responding with a higher sense of urgency to my call for the total cleanup of our road networks.

We are firm and determined to protect innocent families who may have their lives ravaged and destroyed by heartless and reckless motorists.

With only two major multi-disciplinary operations executed last night, 27 people were arrested for drinking and driving.

Shockingly, a male police officer from Port Edward SAPS was arrested with an alcohol content of 1.05 mg/L, which is six times over the legal limit. The case number is 203/08/2025.

Disappointingly, a female police officer from Southport Police Station in Port Shepstone was also arrested with an alcohol content of 0.85 mg/L, which is four times over the legal limit. The case number is 204/08/2025.

Critically, in Ladysmith, RTI intercepted and arrested a drunk taxi driver with 24 passengers in his vehicle.

This means that he overloaded his minibus taxi with eight people. His alcohol content was 1.08 mg/L – five times over the legal limit. The case number is 752/08/2025

In particular, I have mandated the Department to ensure that a comprehensive presentation is made before the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) Cluster.

This cluster has a responsibility to ensure that relevant departments work together to strengthen law enforcement, fight crime, and to guarantee national security for all citizens.

Therefore, the arrest of police officers and a senior public prosecutor for drunk driving is a serious transgression that should receive our serious attention.

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