A car salesman who offered to sell 500 Breathalysers at discounted prices amongst 21 motorists arrested by RTI for drunk driving in Estcourt last night: Duma says more than 5000 blood/alcohol test kits have already been delivered for the festive season

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: As we count down to the festive season, we wish to inform motorists and the people of KwaZulu-Natal that the #NenzaniLaEzweni operation has been bolstered by the delivery of more than 5000 blood/alcohol test kits.

Surprisingly, a salesman, who was arrested for drunk driving by the Road Traffic Inspectorate in Escourt last night, pleaded with the law enforcement officers and offered to sell breathalyzer tests at discounted prices.

The offer was rejected politely and he was told that "Game Over."

We are setting a target for the festive season, and we have agreed that we should decrease fatalities by less than 18%, a historic target we achieved last year in December, for the first time in more than two decades.

Below is the profile of motorists arrested by RTI last night in Estcourt:

- Car Salesman – who offered to sell 500 Breathalysers at discounted prices.
- 3 Taxi drivers.
- 3 Truck Drivers.
- 1 Taxi Marshall.
- 1 Self employed.
- 1 Electrician.
- 5 Unemployed.
- 1 General Worker.
- 1 Forklift Driver.
- 1 Supervisor.
- 1 Packer.
- 1 Fitter.
- 1 Security guard.

By and large, these reckless drivers were removed from our road networks before they could kill other motorists.

This is the point we have been making repeatedly.

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