**A motorist arrested for drunk driving cried uncontrollably and cited the loss of his political party in the local government elections as the main reason for his drinking and driving behavior: Duma says more than 7 110 motorists have been arrested since the launch of the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation and RTI will accelerate the operation as we head toward the festive season**

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

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We have received a report from our highly motivated Road Traffic Inspectorate team.

Interestingly, a motorist arrested who was arrested for drunk driving in Greytown under Umvoti Local Municipality cried uncontrollably.

He cited the loss of his political party in the local government elections as the main reason for his drinking and driving behavior.

He encouraged RTI to intensify the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation. He also pleaded with the officers saying he should not be the only one singled out as there were other motorists who were drinking in celebration of the victory of their political parties whilst others like him were drinking to cope with disappointment.

Those who were arrested in Umvoti Local Municipality are as follows: -

- SAPS Warrant officer
- Taxi Driver
- Truck Driver
- 2 Unemployed
- Pensioner
- Admin Clerk

We wish to remind motorists that RTI will accelerate the execution of the #NenzaniLaEzweni operation as we head toward the festive season.

Since the launch of the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation, RTI has arrested more than 7110 motorists for drunk driving.

Ends.

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