

Financial Advisor among the 23 motorists arrested for drunk driving in Newcastle: Duma says a prison warden, a truck driver, and a taxi driver were found with alcohol reading in their blood eight times over the legal limit this weekend

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We continue to remove reckless motorists before they could kill innocent road users.

A financial advisor, who claimed to be well-off and to have been providing financial guidance to end-of-snow partygoers, was arrested last night for drunk driving in Newcastle.

He was arrested together with 22 other motorists. This is in addition to 16 motorists who were arrested on Friday in Newcastle.

A total of 7 742 have been arrested as part of #NenzaniEzweni Operations since the 15th August 2025

We reflect on the 23 motorists arrested last night:-

- Financial advisor
- Teachers - 3
- Truck Drivers - 3
- Security guard
- Drill operator
- Artisan
- Technician
- Drivers - 3
- Petrol attendant
- General worker
- Unemployed - 5
- Self-employed - 3

Below we further highlight alcohol readings:

- A Prison Warden was arrested on Albert Wessels Drive, Newcastle, after being found to have an alcohol reading of 2.00mg per 1000ml of breath, – which is eight times over the legal limit. (The legal limit for vehicle category is 0.24mg/l).
- A truck driver was arrested at P601/P749 Intersection, Umzimkhulu, after being found to have an alcohol reading of 0.26mg per 1000ml of breath, – which is three times over the legal limit. (The legal limit for vehicle category is 0.10mg/l).
- A taxi driver was arrested on Albert Wessels Drive, Newcastle, after being found to have an alcohol reading of 0.79mg per 1000ml of breath, – which is eight times over the legal limit. (The legal limit for vehicle category is 0.10mg/l).
- A male driver was arrested on P601/P749 Intersection, Umzimkhulu, after being found to have an alcohol reading of 2.00mg per 1000ml of breath, – which is eight times over the legal limit. (The legal limit for vehicle category is 0.24mg/l).

- A male driver of a Sport Utility vehicle who is a Cashier was arrested on the R56 Emaplangweni, Umzimkhulu, after being found to have an alcohol reading of 0.8mg per 1000ml of breath, – which is three times over the legal limit. (The legal limit for vehicle category is 0.24mg/l).

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