

**Frantic calls following the arrest of a son of a senior politician and member of cabinet: Duma says, "Please don't Call Us" when you get arrested for reckless driving**

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We have received a report from our highly efficient and no-nonsense RTI Team about an influx of frantic calls from senior government officials, sympathizers, friends, and community leaders.

They were pleading with RTI not to arrest a son of a senior politician despite clocking 222 km/h in a 120 km/h zone. He was nabbed during the execution of the #NenzaniLaEzweni operation.

We have in the past pointed out that we should not be telephoned and be asked to intervene if any motorist is arrested by RTI for violating the National Road Traffic Act.

With this arrest in particular, the Mercedes-Benz was intercepted as it was speeding. The relation of the driver and a senior politician was only revealed by the callers who clearly wanted the No-Nonsense RTI Team to be unethical. Fortunately, integrity and ethical conduct are becoming a permanent feature in the department.

Importantly, on Monday, we will release details about the conviction and sentencing of five motorists, including a policeman. They were arrested by RTI Park Rynie for speeding along the N2.

Once again, we thank the Scottburgh magistrates for professionalism and the whole Department of Justice and Constitutional Development for managing our cases effectively.

We stated in the past that motorists in KZN should not be misled by the judgement in the Western Cape High Court: Hymie Zilwa (Plaintiff) and the Member of the Executive Council for the Department of Transport and Public Works (First Defendant) and the Minister of Police (Second Defendant) delivered on the 9th of January, 2026.

It was held that speeding is not a Schedule 1 offence, and the arrest was deemed to be unlawful. This judgement does not bind KwaZulu-Natal authorities.

Our highly efficient and dedicated RTI team is guided by Section 40(1)(a) of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977), to continue to arrest and remove from our road networks reckless and irresponsible drivers, as they are a major risk to other innocent road users.

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