

Gun confiscated by a No-Nonsense RTI team at 4:15 am | Aggressive motorist facing charges of driving against oncoming traffic along the N3: Duma says RTI must continue to be firm and show no mercy

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Our highly dedicated team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate risked their lives in order to save innocent road users.

They arrested an aggressive motorist who was speeding toward oncoming traffic this morning between 03:55 am and 4:15 am.

RTI found this motorist with a gun and 49 rounds of ammunition with two magazines, one of which is an extended magazine.

The arrest was effected along the N3 by a No Nonsense RTI team comprising a female officer who has earned herself a reputation of being firm against reckless drivers.

We recall that a few months ago, the same female officer received praise in various quarters for her bravery.

This is after she arrested an aggressive motorist who was carrying a gun and driving under the influence of alcohol.

The motorist who was arrested this morning is facing the following charges:

1. Facing oncoming traffic in violation of the National Road Traffic Act (Act 93 of 1996);
2. Reckless and negligent driving on the public road where he also overtook over a barrier line;
3. Failing to comply with the direction from the officer;
4. Resisting arrest resulting in minimum force being used against him;
5. Failing to disclose that he was in possession of a firearm.

Following our meeting with KZN Police Commissioner Lt General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi last year, RTI and Operation Shanela have good working relations with the SAPS.

In this regard, this gun will undergo forensic ballistics and Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) testing to check if it was used in committing crimes.

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