

Mechanic arrested for impersonating RTI and for driving RTI vehicle which was booked in for repair: Duma says the workshop was legally responsible for safeguarding the state property and they failed to do so.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: The Road Traffic Inspectorate team in Jozini has arrested a mechanic who was driving an RTI vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

The RTI vehicle in question was booked in for repairs at a local workshop. The mechanic who was intercepted with his girlfriend and three friends will appear at Obonjeni Magistrates Court to face the following charges:

1. Impersonating a traffic officer;
2. Abuse of state vehicle;
3. Malicious damage to state vehicle;
4. Driving a vehicle without the owner's consent;
5. Drunk driving;
6. Driving a motor vehicle without a driving license.

With high level of unemployment, it is quite disturbing to witness such a behaviour from someone who has been lucky enough to find employment. In addition, the workshop was legally responsible to safeguard the state property, and they failed to do so. Clearly there should be severe consequences for this gross negligence. Ends Issued by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements

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