

#NenzaniLaEzweni: RTI Park Rynie has arrested a motorist for drunk driving after leaving his hotel room in Umhlanga Rocks to buy Kentucky. On his way back he got lost and ended up driving 80 kilometres to Port Shepstone: Duma reminds motorists that RTI is still firm

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Inkosi Mhlabanzima Maphumulo House: We wish to remind motorists that our highly efficient team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate has not changed and is still firm.

This morning around 08h30, the RTI team from Park Rynie arrested a motorist who was driving under the influence of alcohol along the N2.

This motorist from Limpopo, who is employed as a rigger in one of the mines, was intercepted dangerously weaving between lanes. The no-nonsense RTI team stopped him before crashing into oncoming traffic.

When asked a question #NenzaniLaEzweni and further reprimanded about his erratic driving, he pleaded with RTI saying he had left his hotel in Umhlanga to buy KFC. He claimed with confidence that he was on his way back to his room to sleep.

Despite RTI informing him that he was driving in a southerly direction, he insisted that he was driving north. In fact, he was 80 kilometres away from Umhlanga and heading toward Port Shepstone.

Had RTI failed to remove him from the road, his erratic driving would have resulted in a head-on collision, a rear-end crash, or a sideswipe —with the loss of innocent lives.

We have in the past witnessed eight to ten family members being wiped out in horrific road accidents along the N2. These were caused by motorists driving under the influence of alcohol.

The motorist will appear in the Scottburgh Magistrates Court tomorrow.

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