Recovered cars and hijackings during the festive season: Duma has announced that RTI and Operation Shanela teams will execute intelligence-driven #NenzaniLaEzweni operations to intercept hijacked and stolen vehicles this festive season.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We commend our dedicated officer from Road Traffic Inspectorate, Pinetown, Mr. Duane Scott who is playing a leading role in the recovery of hijacked and stolen vehicles.

With the festive season just around the corner, our RTI and Operation Shanela teams will intensify the execution of intelligence-driven #NenzaniLaEzweni operations.

Using the cutting-edge technology such as Ummemezi Wezimoto, our focus is on intercepting hijacked and stolen vehicles.

Our patrol vehicles, which are fitted with specialized crime recognition software, can detect stolen cars by scanning number plates randomly.

Today, RTI Pinetown ensured the recovery of Toyota Quantum which was hijacked in Pinetown.

Working with a tracking company, the vehicle was intercepted and recovered in Mariannhill, Durban.

The following vehicles were recovered by Scott recently: -

- Black Hyundai Grand i10 – taken at gunpoint in Chatsworth and recovered in Wybank/Clermont with three suspects running away, leaving the vehicle.
- KIA – stolen from a home in Shallcross and recovered in Mariannhill.

In particular, there are many young people who are recruited by kingpins and syndicates for armed robberies and car hijackings of luxury motor vehicles and trucks.

RTI and Operation Shanela teams will have no mercy this festive season as they will work with SAPS and other law enforcement agencies.

We, therefore, wish to warn youngsters who are being recruited by syndicates involved in selling stolen and hijacked vehicles to car dealerships in provinces, in some parts of Africa, and in overseas markets.

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