

SAPS Police officer sentenced in court and he is not above the law: Duma is encouraged that RTI is achieving a 95% conviction rate and that the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation is cleaning up our road networks

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Our highly motivated and No-Nonsense RTI remains very firm and determined to remove reckless motorists from our road networks before they could kill innocent road users.

The arrest and conviction of the South African Police Services' police officer, Mr Siyabonga Cele is a strong indication that RTI treats motorists equally. In this regard, our message is that nobody is above the law.

RTI Park Rynie nabbed him travelling at 183 km/h in a 120 km/h zone, in violation of the National Road Traffic Act. He was found guilty in the Scottburgh Magistrates Court and sentenced to six months in prison and was given an option of paying a fine of R12 000.

We are encouraged by the fact that RTI is achieving a 95% conviction rate through its exceptional execution of the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation. Importantly, our prosecutorial strategy has been strengthened by our enduring partnership with the National Prosecuting Authority and the SAPS.

We have in the past arrested well-known criminals, lawyers, engineers, lecturers, accountants, doctors, police officers, soldiers, bodyguards, undocumented foreign nationals, truck drivers, taxi drivers, teachers, civil servants, and many more others.

If you get arrested for reckless driving or for drunk driving, Please Don't Call Us.

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