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20 Years

RTMC welcomes harsh sentence to motorist.

The Road Traffic Management Corporation has welcomed a 20-year sentence handed down to a young Durban driver who caused a fatal accident that killed three people.

A Durban regional court ordered 24-year-old Kriesen Moodley to serve five years imprisonment on each of three counts of culpable homicide, three years for drunken driving and two years for reckless driving. He also ordered the cancelation of Moodley's driver's licence.

In passing sentence Magistrate Anand Maharaj said: "This type of offence is dangerously frequent... the time has now arrived for courts to consider the imposition of exemplary and austere sentences to those who show wilful and wanton disregard for the rules of the road.

"We need sentences that can have the effect of changing the mind-set of such drivers who become lethal weapons,"

He also called for legislative intervention to introduce minimum sentences in culpable homicide cases involving road fatalities.

The RTMC fully endorses the sentiments expressed by the magistrate as they echo our long held view that courts need to hand down harsher sentences to indicate that traffic offences are a major crime against society and cause unnecessary pain and suffering to innocent victims.

An unacceptably high number of South Africans die on the roads through the reckless actions of drivers who speed, drive under the influence of alcohol and disobey the rules of the road.

The accident which Moodley was found to have caused resulted in the deaths of three friends, Delon Gurriah, Kovashen Pillay and Denalin Naicker.

They were driving along Link Road, in Chatsworth on the evening of March 28, 2015, when Moodley - who was driving a BMW Cabriolet which he had taken, without permission, from a friend - crashed into them at high speed.

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