

**MEDIA STATEMENT**



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**Attention: News Editors / Transport Reporters / PR Wires**

**Happy Jele Could Lose His Driver's Licence**

**GAUTENG** -: The Orlando Pirates football player caught driving at more than 200kms an hour should be barred from driving if found guilty.

Mr Happy Jele made his first appearance at the Randburg Magistrate court after being arrested while allegedly driving at 223km an hour. The case was postponed until 19 October 2017 for further investigation by authorities.

**The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) is calling for a harsher sentence including the suspension of his driver's licence for a lengthy period.**

*The National Road Traffic Act is specific that a driver's licence should be suspended in the case of a conviction for an offence where:*

*A speed in excess of 30 kilometres per hour over the prescribed general speed (i) limit in an urban area was recorded; or a speed in excess of 40 kilometres per hour over the prescribed general speed limit outside an urban area or on a (ii) freeway was recorded*

Unfortunately an apology will not be enough, Mr Jele will have to face the consequences of his actions including having a criminal record against his name if found guilty by a competent court of law.

Speeding is a major cause of road crashes in South Africa and many young people die prematurely and unnecessarily as a result.

The youth are particularly vulnerable when it comes to road safety, urgent and decisive action is needed to combat the scourge of road fatalities preceded by a road traffic infringement. The alleged high speed done by Mr. Jele does not help in encouraging safe driving attitude amongst young people.

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