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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Alcohol test shows driver seven times above the legal limit.

Breaking News: More than 1600 motorists have been arrested nationally for various traffic offences since the start of the festive season.

The majority were caught for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding and for outstanding warrants.

In addition, traffic officers discontinued more than 1200 vehicles that were found to be un-roadworthy and impounded more 600 public transport for operating without proper operating permits.

More than 330 roadblocks have been held throughout the country resulting in more than 426 842 vehicles being stopped and checked and 142 152 traffic fines being issued. Driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding continues to be a major cause of concern.

A motorist was detained in Nkowankowa in Limpopo after being found with an alcohol content that was seven times above the legal limit. Another was arrested on the N1 Westerberg also in Limpopo driving at 218km an hour while another was arrested on the N4 in Rustenburg in North West province doing 220 km an hour.



Meanwhile two motorists and two immigrants were arrested after allegedly offering bribes to traffic officers.

Motorists are warned to obey the rules of the roads all the time and traffic officers are commended for showing no mercy to those who break the rules of the road.

Traffic officers will remain in the heightened state of alertness throughout the festive period.

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