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SENSELESS ATTACKS AND KILLING OF TRAFFIC OFFICERS

JOHANNESBURG -: The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) notes with extreme anguish two unfortunate incidents where two traffic officers were killed and another incident where a female officer was brutally attacked by a male driver.

Two Road Traffic Inspectorate inspectors from KwaZulu Natal were shot and killed while on duty on the N2 yesterday evening. Inspectors Sithole (46) and Lamula (36) were found dead at the scene after a community member who happens to be a member of the South African Police Services heard gun shots and reported the matter to the police.

In another incident a female officer was assaulted by a male driver and sustained injuries to her head, face, eye and shoulder. The member of the JMPD K9 Unit was on patrol duty in Eloff Extension in Johannesburg South where she allegedly spotted a driver recklessly skipping a robot and almost crashing into the officer's vehicle. The officer gave chase which lead to a confrontation with the motorist.



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Traffic officers are there to uphold the law and ensure our safety on the roads. The RTMC strongly condemns abusive and inhumane behaviour towards officers and conveys deepest sympathy to the families of Inspector Sithole and Inspector Lamula. The Corporation further wishes a speedy recovery to the JMPD Officer.

The RTMC calls for swift action from law enforcement and demonstration of the full might of the law against perpetrators in both incidents.

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