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Breakthrough: N12 Hijacking Blue Light Gang Member Arrested

GAUTENG--: A suspect believed to be part of the blue light gang terrorizing motorists on the freeways Gauteng has been arrested during a multidisciplinary law enforcement operation, involving members from the Road Traffic Management Corporation's National Anti-Corruption Unit, Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department, Gauteng Highway Patrol and Johannesburg Metro Police Department.

The arrest follows complaints about hijackings on national and provincial roads. The gang usually drive cars fitted with blue lights and dress in what appears to be police uniform.

The suspect was arrested following intelligence gathered after a Toyota Hilux GD6 was hijacked on N12 near Delmas. The victim was taken hostage and his bank cards were used to do withdrawals of large sums of money including buying expensive alcoholic beverages.



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A video footage of the suspects buying alcohol at a well-known tavern circulated showing clear photos of the suspects, which then prompted authorities to activate their undercover detective machinery in and around Katlehong Thokoza and Vosloorus. The suspect was spotted in Vosloorus and he was followed to his place of residence.

He was caught and taken for questioning. He confessed that he had been involved in hijacking on the N12 between Gauteng and Mpumalanga.

He is currently detained at Vosloorus South African Police Services for his court appearance. Investigations are continuing and more suspects are expected.

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