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A taxi driver and others spend Xmas behind bars

A taxi driver who allegedly tried to spread a Festive cheer by offering a bribe to an ant-corruption officer has spent his Christmas behind bars. The driver was spotted driving recklessly on William Nicol road, in Johannesburg on Christmas Eve by members of the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit. He was first noticed when he allegedly threw an empty beer can out of the window of his minibus taxi.

He was followed and observed as he drove recklessly between traffic and pedestrians and through red traffic lights. When he was stopped he allegedly offered a stack of money valued R630 as a bribe to avoid prosecution. He was immediately taken into custody and will appear in the Randburg magistrate court on Monday. Meanwhile two motorists were detained in the Free State for driving at excessive speeds.

A motorist who drove his North West registered BMW at 162 km/h in a 120km/h zone on R30 spent his Christmas behind bars in Theunissen. Another BMW motorist who was caught speeding at 195 km/h in a 120 km/h on N1 south spent time in police cells after he was denied bail at Tierpoort. He was driving in early hours of Christmas morning at 2:37am hoping not to be caught. Traffic officers are congratulated for showing for adopting a no nonsense approach to those break the rules of road and endanger the lives of others.

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