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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Top doctor appears in court on drunken driving charges

Pretoria: A doctor from the Tembisa hospital in Gauteng has appeared in the Midrand magistrate court on allegations of drunken driving.

Members of the National Traffic Police (NTP) arrested Dr Kabelo Makhure (42) after he attempted to flee from an accident scene near Blue Hills Mall in Midrand. He had to be chased down and stopped.

The doctor was found to be twice above the legal alcohol limit when tested and he was immediately arrested. He appeared in the Midrand magistrate's court this morning and he is out on bail. The case was postponed to 15 February 2020.

Meanwhile members of the NTP and national traffic anti-corruption unit (NTACU) arrested a truck owner and his driver in Durban today on bribery and displaying a fraudulent disc.



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It is alleged that two traffic officers stopped a truck and semi-trailer in Maydon Wharf as part of the festive season law enforcement operation. It was discovered that the semi-trailer displayed a photocopied license disc.

On further investigation, it was established that the semi-trailer had previously been suspended because of un-roadworthiness and should not have been operated on a public road. The truck also had mechanical defects and the driver was found to be a foreign national who did not possess a professional driver's permit.

The owner, believe to be a retired police captain, arrived at the scene and it is alleged that he tried to force R500 notes into a traffic officer's bulletproof vest before he was arrested. The suspects have been detained at Maydon Wharf police station and both vehicles have been discontinued from further use on public roads.

These arrests contribute to an increase in the number of motorists and members of the public arrested on the roads since the start of the festive season. About 2000 motorists have now been arrested for drunken driving, speeding and outstanding warrants among others.

The majority of drunken drivers were arrested in Mpumalanga, Western Cape, Gauteng and Limpopo. The number of people arrested on bribery charges has increased to six following the arrest of four others on the N1 in the Western Cape earlier in the week.



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Members of the public are urged to report bribery, corruption and lawlessness on the road sending a WhatsApp message on 083 293 7989 or dial 0861 400 800. Alternatively, an email can be sent to ntacu@rtmc.co.za.

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