

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Gauteng Traffic Police arrest a 37-year-old speedster on the R21 freeway

The Gauteng Traffic Police, High Speed Unit arrested a 37-year-old male driver on Tuesday evening after found excessively speeding at 182 km per hour on a 120 km per hour zone along the R21 Benoni off ramp. The Gauteng Traffic Police's High-Speed Unit continuously conduct operations on Gauteng major routes and freeways.

The suspect was detained at Benoni police station facing charges relating to reckless and negligent driving with an alternative charge of driving in excess of the prescribed speed limit of 120 km per hour.

The Gauteng Traffic Police High Speed Unit has been successful in clamping down on speedsters due to the use of the latest technological devices during their operations such as the Moving Violation Recorders (MVR). The MVR records the average speed measured over a minimum of 500 meters. The event is recorded and downloaded for investigation and prosecution purposes.

The Gauteng Traffic Police has called on road users to adhere to the rules and regulations of the road. "As we continue to observe Transport Month, it is important that road users continue to practice road safety. The Gauteng Traffic Police through its Road Safety Education Unit will continue to intensify road safety education in an effort to save the lives of road users," said Sello Maremane, Gauteng Traffic Police Spokesperson.

In a separate incident this morning, The Gauteng Traffic Police Saturation Unit was notified by tracker company that a Hyundai H100 bakkie was stolen in Middleburg. The Saturation Unit managed to trace the vehicle and apprehended two male suspects on the N12 in Benoni. The suspects aged 44 and 38 will face charges relating to theft of motor vehicle as well as being in possession of a stolen vehicle. The suspects were also detained in Benoni police station and are expected to appear in Kempton Park Magistrate court shortly.

"The Gauteng Traffic Police will continue to enforce the rule of law without fear or favour. The safety of Gauteng citizens has reached critical point," added Sello Maremane.

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