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Gauteng Traffic Police will continue to stamp authority on the roads

The Gauteng Traffic Police High Speed Unit arrested two motorists in separate incidents for reckless and negligent driving during a special operation conducted on the R21. Both drivers were arrested last night after being found driving at an excessive speed.

A 31-year old man driving a VW Polo was arrested at around 19:08 pm after being found driving at an average speed of 179 km/h in a prescribed maximum limit of 120 km/h. In the second incident, a Zimbabwean national was arrested at around 20:51 pm after being found driving a Toyota Corolla at an average speed of 184 km/h in a prescribed maximum limit of 120 km/h.

The drivers were detained at Olifantsfontein police station and Lyttelton police station respectively and are expected to appear today at Olifantsfontein and Lyttelton Magistrate Courts. Both drivers are expected to be formally charged for reckless driving with an alternative charge of exceeding the speed limit.

"The department will continue to raise alarm about the growing pattern where drivers intentionally violate traffic rules resulting in many unnecessary fatal crashes. It is our responsibility to stamp our authority on the roads and ensure that this unwarranted conduct by drivers on our roads does not continue unabated.

Our law enforcement agencies will continue to conduct operations on all the major routes with a special focus on drunken driving, overloading, driving without licences, reckless and negligent driving particularly given the high rate of fatalities that the province continues to experience. The department appeals to motorists to play their part in making Gauteng roads safe for all road users. " said departmental spokesperson, Ofentse Morwane.

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