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KZN HEALTH DEPARTMENT UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNS "APPALLING" ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EMPLOYEE FACING DRUNK DRIVING, FIREARM CHARGES

24 December 2025

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health has noted with profound disturbance and unequivocally condemns in the strongest possible terms the serious allegations levelled against one of its employees.

It has come to the attention of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health that one of its employees has been formally charged by law enforcement authorities following a serious road traffic incident involving a departmental vehicle on 21 December 2025 on the N2 Freeway at Ellingham, Park Rynie.

The reported charges, which include drunk driving, reckless and negligent driving, excessive speeding, fleeing from law enforcement, and the illegal possession of a firearm while under the influence of alcohol, represent an appalling breach of the law and of the trust placed in us as public servants.

We wish to state categorically that the Department does not take these allegations on a lighter note; we deem them with the utmost seriousness.

We have zero tolerance for any official who abuses state resources, endangers public safety, and brings the name of the Department into disrepute.

The combination of these alleged offences, including drinking while on duty, or whilst driving the state vehicle is viewed as an egregious violation of our code of conduct and public service regulations.

While the criminal process is rightly underway, the Department has immediately launched a full internal investigation.

The involved vehicle has been impounded, and we are in the process of securing its recovery.

We assure the public that should our internal processes find the official guilty of misconduct, he will face the full might of departmental disciplinary measures, in addition to any consequences from the criminal justice system.

The Department remains steadfast in its commitment to upholding the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and the rule of law.

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