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COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC FINES OPERATION

Buffalo City Municipality are currently in possession of 27 981 warrants of arrest with a fine value of just over R15, 6 million. The warrants of arrest are all in respect of traffic fines issued and whereby motorists have elected to neither pay the traffic fine nor appear in court in order to finalise the cases.

In order to collect the outstanding fines, Buffalo City Municipal Traffic and Law Enforcement Services have embarked on a campaign that will see offenders being traced and taken to court in order for the cases to be finalised.

In the first three days since the operation started on July 06, 2009, there have been 504 motorists arrested resulting in the payment of fines to the value of R359 900. We will continue with daily roadblock blitz held throughout the City for the entire July month.

The arresting of the offenders on the warrants of arrest is a last resort; however motorists can avoid the inconvenience of being arrested by approaching the BCM Traffic Services in order to determine whether or not they [the motorists] have any outstanding traffic fines.

The telephone numbers to check on outstanding traffic cases are East London [043] 7059340, 7059341 and 7059343 and King Williams Town on 043 604 8371.

In addition the status of fines can be checked on the internet on www.viewfines.co.za.

These motorists who willingly come forward will have the benefit of not paying the R150 fine in respect of the charge of contempt of court as amnesty in respect of this has been granted by the Chief Magistrate.

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