

## **Attempted Hi-jacking - N1 highway - beware OIL**

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*Hi everyone,*

*Just wanted to warn you of a hi-jacking technique that I hadn't heard of but that happened to me this weekend.*

*Driving north along the N1 highway between Beyer's Naude and Malibongwe offramp, doing 120kms (-ish) in the fast lane, I suddenly had a huge amount of fluid thrown onto my windscreen from the side of the road.*

*I didn't see who or how it was thrown, but it was a bucket full. Your first instinct is to put the windscreen wipers on because you don't know what it is and of course you now can't see. This didn't help matters but just smeared the stuff all over my windscreen.*

*I now suddenly couldn't see, and with all the construction all along the highway, there are these cement blocks/walls very close to the edge of the highway. I slowed and pulled into the slow lane trying to clear my windscreen. I could see enough to keep going as I am naturally not a fan of stopping on the highway.*

*Once I had reached my destination, I got out and examined the liquid - it was oil. Not like engine oil, it wasn't dark. It was a clear oil, but there was a lot of it. And naturally, water will not clean up oil. (hence why the windscreen wipers didn't help)*

*I took my car straight to the car wash where they told me that this is a new thing hi-jackers do. They expect you to stop because you can't see, and then they help themselves to your car.*

*If this happens to you, slow down by all means, but DON'T STOP!!!*

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