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## Two arrested with unpolished diamonds

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TWO men, that attempted to sell seven unpolished diamonds and a pangolin skin, were arrested in Tsumeb during a sting operation earlier this week.

The 30-year-old and 50-year-old suspects were apprehended during an undercover operation staged by the Protected Resources Sub Division of the Namibian Police.

The Regional Police Commander, Commissioner Armas Shivute said the duo were found with one pangolin skin valued at N\$ 50 000 and seven unpolished diamonds of which the value still has to be determined.



CONTRABAND CONFISCATED: A Pangolin skin and rocks that were sold as unpolished diamonds by suspects that were arrested in Tsumeb. – Photo. Courtesy of NamPol Oshikoto

“The value unpolished diamonds and the authenticity of the stones have not been determined yet,” he said, adding that all the contraband items were confiscated.

He said the arresting officers used an independent person as a buyer who picked the suspects up from Trek Service Station and took them to the Wimpy where they were apprehended when the transaction was done.

According to Commissioner Shivute, the sting operation was intelligence-driven.

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