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Elephant tusk dealing suspects to appear in court at Okahandja

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Summary

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Namibian Police Force spokesperson in the Otjozondjupa Region, Inspector Maureen Mbeha in an interview with Nampa on Tuesday said three male suspects aged 23, 28, and 29 were arrested Sunday morning at a restaurant in Okahandja, where they allegedly intended to sell the elephant tusk to a local buyer.

The fourth suspect aged 23 was arrested at the town Monday.

Mbeha said all four suspects have been charged with possession and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

"The tusk was confiscated from them on Sunday at the restaurant, while the Volkswagen vehicle they were allegedly using to transport the product was also impounded," said Mbeha.

NamPol and the relevant line ministries will determine the exact value of the tusk, she said.

Police investigations continue.

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