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Cannabis, mandrax, and rhino horn possession lands six behind bars

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VARIOUS cases of possession of, and dealing in, cannabis and other dependence-producing substances were registered at Namibian police stations across the country over the weekend.

Three of the five arrested suspects are under the age of 20, revealing a worrisome trend of young people's involvement in drug trafficking.

A nineteen-year-old male suspect was arrested at Rehoboth in the Hardap Region when he was allegedly found in possession of dependence-producing substances on Saturday. According to the police, the suspect was found with fifteen grams of cannabis and a half mandrax tablet with a total value of N\$810.

The police at Ariamsvlei in the //Karas Region arrested an eighteen-year-old male suspect who is suspected of attempting to smuggle dagga into the police cells on Saturday. It is alleged that the suspect was arrested while visiting an inmate in the police cells. The police said that the suspect brought a loaf of bread to the inmate, but five grams of cannabis valued at N\$250 were discovered when the police body-searched him. He was promptly arrested.

Another suspect, aged 37, was arrested at Swakopmund in the Erongo Region on Friday. He was allegedly found with two parcels of cannabis weighing 1985 grams and valued at N\$99,250.

Another drug-related arrest was made at Nkurenkuru in the Kavango West Region where a 49-year-old male suspect was allegedly found in possession of 21 allies of cannabis. The actual weight and value are not yet determined.

The police at Kalkrand in the Hardap Region arrested a nineteen-year-old suspect on Saturday, who was allegedly found in possession of a parcel of cannabis of undetermined value and 53 mandrax tablets valued at N\$6,360.

Meanwhile, the police at Outjo in the Kunene region arrested a 28-year-old suspect while he was transporting a rhino horn on Friday evening. He was apprehended when the police stopped and searched the vehicle he was traveling in between Outjo and Okaukuejo. The rhino horn's estimated value is N\$300,000.