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R1.2 million rhino horn bust in PMB

Pietermaritzburg police intercepted and arrested a man transporting rhino horn worth R1.2 million this morning.

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Shorne Bennie

Less than a minute



The suspect, a resident from Margate, was arrested on Friday as he drove into Pietermaritzburg.

A police source working close to the investigation said they received information about the criminal trade of rhino horn.

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"At around 6:50 am information was received regarding a black Z4 BMW on the N3 South bound Church Street off-ramp. With the assistance of the flying unit and K9 Dog unit we tracked down the suspected vehicle. A rhino horn was found in the 30-year-old suspect's possession.

"Members of the Hawks confirmed that the estimated value of the seized rhino horn is R 1.2 million.

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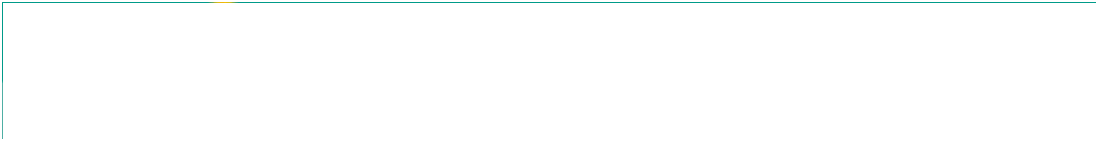
"The suspect was arrested and is being detained at the Mountain Rise Police Station.

"The vehicle with a Durban registration was also seized," said the source.

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