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A MAN was arrested for allegedly selling a pangolin for R200 000 in the Northern Cape. Picture: Stringer African News Agency (ANA)

Northern Cape man arrested for allegedly selling pangolin for R200K

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RUSTENBURG: A 25-year-old man, arrested for allegedly selling a pangolin for R200 000, was released on warning at the Kuruman Magistrate's Court, the Hawks in Northern Cape said on Tuesday.

Spokesperson Nomthandazo Mnisi said Sipho Bosman appeared in court on Monday, facing a charge of illegal possession of endangered species, in terms of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004.

“The suspect was arrested on Friday, October 1, 2021, after information surfaced about someone who was allegedly selling a pangolin for R200 000.

“A sting operation was conducted by the Hawks Serious Organised Crime Investigation team, with the assistance of Stock Theft Unit and Local Criminal Record Centre, which resulted in the suspect being arrested, after he was found in possession of the said pangolin,” said Mnisi.

The case against Bosman was postponed to October 26.

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In a separate case, Klaas Beukes, 32, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment for attempted rape.

Northern Cape police spokesperson Captain Olebogeng Tawana said Klaas was sentenced at the Carnarvon Regional Court on Monday, after he pleaded guilty.

“During court proceedings, it came to light that on December 12, 2020, the victim was sleeping when Klaas entered her house and undressed her. The victim's husband entered the house and caught Klaas red-handed in the act,” said Tawana.

The suspect fled from the scene but was later arrested.

“The provincial Head of Family violence, Child protection and Sexual Offence Unit Brigadier Nicky Mills applauded Sergeant Marlon Eksteen for the meticulous investigation, which resulted in the imprisonment of Klaas. Klaas was declared unfit to possess a firearm by the Carnarvon Regional Court,” Captain Tawana said.

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