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Alleged rhino horn possession case goes to Nelspruit Regional Court in June

AB Steyn and Dawie Groenewald appeared in the Nelspruit Magistrate's Court again this week following the pair's arrest for the alleged possession of 19 rhino horns last July.

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Dawie

Groenewald and AB Steyn at the Nelspruit Police Station court proceedings on July 23. Photo: Linzetta Calitz

Mpumalanga's AB Steyn and Limpopo's Dawie Groenewald appeared in the Nelspruit Magistrate's Court on February 23 and 24.

The pair's previous appearance was on December 10 last year when the case was postponed for the fourth time.

Some issues were raised by each of their legal representatives yesterday including that the state was dragging its feet in the case, that the state should be held responsible for the teams' travel costs because of the delays, and that documents were not presented in the way they were supposed to be.



Schalk Abraham (A.B) Steyn and Dawid (Dawie) Groenewald. Photos: Supplied.

Court adjourned at the end of the day and the matter continued today. The magistrate said after reviewing the facts before her, that the delays thus far were not unreasonable and the state would not be held responsible for the costs incurred by the two legal teams.

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The case is set to appear in the Nelspruit Regional Court on June 7.

Steyn and Groenewald were arrested for the alleged possession of 19 rhino horns on July 20, and were released on bail of R50 000 each on July 23.

Steyn is from Mbombela and Groenewald is a Limpopo game farmer. Both are employed and conduct business in the game industry.