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Men nabbed with stolen firearms and ivory

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ON THE ALERT: St Francis Bay police and a private security company joined forces and arrested two men for possession of stolen firearms, ivory and suspected stolen property
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Two men were arrested for the possession of stolen firearms, ivory and other property on Friday in Cape St Francis.

St Francis Bay police and a private security company joined forces and arrested the men.

Police spokesperson Colonel Priscilla Naidu said private security officers spotted a man carrying baggage at about 6am.

On stopping and searching his belongings, they discovered clothes, linen and other items.

The officers took the man, aged between 30 and 40, to the police station.

He was detained on a charge of possession of stolen property.

While police were profiling him, further information emerged about a stolen firearm stored at a house in Sea Vista in St Francis Bay.

Naidu said a task team made up of crime intelligence, the tactical response team (TRT), anti-gang unit and St Francis Bay police then executed a search warrant at the house.

A 35-year-old man was arrested at the house and two hunting rifles, a shotgun and ivory, worth about R1,000, were seized.

The firearms were reported stolen in October 2022 from a house in St Francis Bay.

The man was detained on charges of illegal possession of firearms and illegal possession of ivory.

Both suspects are expected to appear in the Humansdorp Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Sarah Baartman District police commissioner Brigadier John Lebok commended the private security officers for their alertness.

“Working in collaboration with the police and security companies is the crucial ingredient needed to win the war against crime and keeping our communities safe,” Lebok said.

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