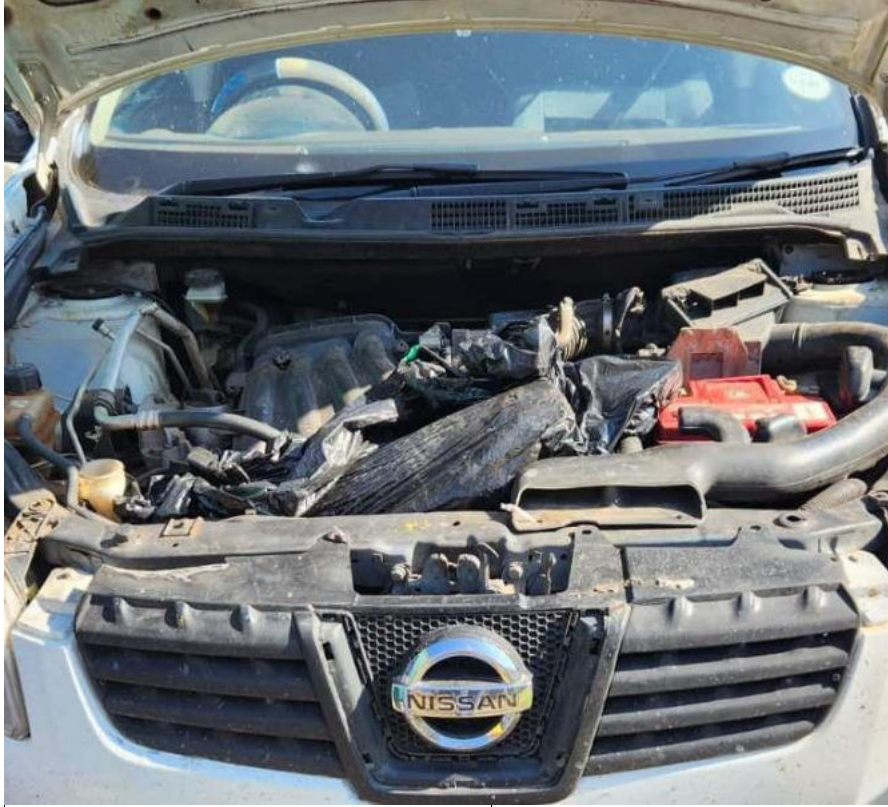


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Last week, the South African Police Service in Piet Retief achieved a commendable result by arresting a 27-year-old man in possession of two rhino horns. The arrest came after members of the public brought information about the suspect's alleged dealings to the attention of the police. Upon searching his vehicle, the police found two rhino horns hidden inside the bonnet and wrapped with black plastic. The fact that the local community is speaking out against wildlife crime is also a positive development.

However, it is disheartening to see such magnificent horns in this state. These horns should have been proudly adorning the snout of a gentle giant, but instead, they were taken from a rhinoceros that was no doubt mutilated and murdered somewhere. This loss is not just for the individual animal but also for the ecosystem it inhabited.

It is important to acknowledge that the apprehension of one individual is just a small victory in the fight against wildlife crime. There are still many other poachers and traffickers out there who are decimating Africa's wildlife populations. Therefore, it is crucial that the public continues to support law enforcement efforts by providing them with information about wildlife crime. Additionally, we need to increase awareness about the consequences of wildlife crime, including the devastating impact it has on both individual animals and entire ecosystems. Ultimately, it is only through a collective effort that we can hope to protect Africa's wildlife for future generations.