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Hawks pounce on pangolin peddlers – four arrested

Four men were arrested for allegedly attempting to sell two endangered pangolins for R200 000 in Mahikeng, North West.



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Four individuals arrested for attempting to sell two pangolins in Mahikeng, North West. Image: SAPS.

Four men were arrested for allegedly attempting to sell two pangolins in Mahikeng, North West on Tuesday, 30 May.

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HAWKS NAB MEN FOR ATTEMPTED SALE OF PANGOLINS

Hawks [spokesperson](#) Captain Tlangelani Rikhotso said members of the Serious Organised Crime Investigation unit were following up on information about the suspects who were allegedly seeking a buyer for the protected animal.

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The going price for the pangolins was R200 000. The suspects – aged between 29 and 45 – were nabbed at Mahikeng Mall when they were found in possession of the endangered species.



Image: SAPS.

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“They will appear before the Mahikeng Magistrate’s Court on 1 June 2023, where they will be facing charges of contravention of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004,” said the Hawks spokesperson.

The pangolins were taken to a wildlife veterinary hospital.