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## Zebra allegedly killed by poacher at Pietermaritzburg Lion Park

Eyewitnesses reported seeing three people skinning a zebra in the park.



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A poacher was caught red-handed with a zebra carcass in the early hours of Wednesday. Photo: File

A zebra was allegedly killed by a poacher at the Lion Park, outside Pietermaritzburg on Thursday evening.

According to a statement by the Mi7 National Group, they received information at around 7 pm from a community member who reported having witnessed a zebra being poached and skinned in the park.

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The community member reported that three suspects were involved, all of whom were still on the premises, said Mi7.

**“ Mi7 armed response teams, as well as the strategic threat response unit, were immediately dispatched and found the carcass lying in nearby bushes, but the suspects were nowhere to be found.**

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“Mi7 K9 members were brought out and a widespread search ensued. The search led teams to an abandoned vehicle, believed to have been used by the suspects. However, the suspects could not be located,” read the statement.

The vehicle was impounded by police and the matter handed over for further investigation. The carcass

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was also removed from the site.

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Meanwhile, about a week ago an alleged poacher was found with a zebra carcass in Bisley Road.

According to Mi7, one of their officers conducting regular patrols in the Bisley area spotted a man skinning an animal carcass on the roadside.

Near him, there was a shopping trolley filled with animal remains, a large carving knife, and other tools.

The reaction officer called for backup and the team questioned the man, who allegedly admitted to poaching a zebra from the Bisley Nature Reserve, before skinning and cutting up the carcass.

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Police did not provide *Weekend Witness* with comment on the Lion Park incident at the time of publication.

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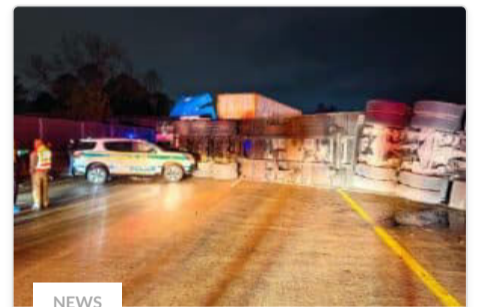
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