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A Quintet Arrested For Possession Of Elephant Tusks, Fresh Tail, Guns

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The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) has announced the arrest of five people over the possession of elephant tusks in violation of the Wildlife Management laws.

In a statement, seen by Pindula News, police also said the quintet was caught in Kamativi while searching for ivory buyers. Reads the statement:

On 27/04/22, Police in Hwange arrested Amos Mudenda(65), Patrick Mudenda (67), Liason Mudimba (49), Edwin Munsaka (32), and Lizwe Munenge (42) for being found in possession of raw unmarked ivory without a permit. Detectives acted on the received information and pounced at the 2suspects who were searching for elephant tusk buyers in the Kamativi area leading to the arrest of the gang.

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> The suspects were searched and four elephant tusks, with an estimated weight of 13 kgs, a fresh elephant tail, an AK47, with a magazine of 26 rounds and 29 AK47 loose rounds, a 375 rifle loaded with nine rounds, five 375 rifle loose rounds, four axes, and five jungle knives were recovered. The suspects will appear in court soon.

Poaching has been on the rise amid reports that armed poachers work in connivance with some corrupt wildlife management officers, retired or serving members of the uniformed forces.

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