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## NEW: Trio nabbed for pangolins

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The Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) has arrested three men from Chipinge for suspected unlawful possession of two live pangolins.

In a statement on Thursday, ZRP police spokesperson Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi said the three suspects – Lovemore Dheya (39), Justice Faya (42) and Pinias Chauke (31) – are all from Checheche, Chipinge.



Asst-Comm Nyathi

“On 4 April 2022, police detectives in Chipinge got wind that the three accused persons were in possession of a live pangolin in Chibuwe, which they intended to sell at a business centre in Chipinge,” reads the statement.

“Acting on the information, police quickly reacted to the call and mounted a roadblock together with the Chipinge Safari crew.

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“They searched all vehicles that passed through the roadblock and they recovered two live pangolins from one of the vehicles, leading to the arrest of the three.”

The pangolins were in a 20-litre container that was stashed in a sack in the boot of the motor vehicle.

The three were taken to court and were remanded to April 11 2022 for trial.

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