

# The New Age - 21/02/18 - Nwetro - Poo - Pp 3 Eight suspects arrested for stock theft

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EIGHT people were arrested in a stock theft sting operation around communities near Zeerust at the weekend.

The accused were allegedly found in possession of cattle, mainly from Botswana.

The arrests were a result of a partnership between the Zeerust cluster and the Lehurutshe stock theft unit.

"The first suspect, a 22-year-old man, was arrested in Dinokana village on Friday after the police in Lehurutshe acted on a tip-off from members of the community about cattle that were seen at a house. The police discovered eight cattle with Botswana brand marks. The suspect was arrested after failing to account for the livestock," North West police spokesperson Lt-Col Amanda Fumani said.

In another incident also in Dinokana village, Fumani said police on their daily patrols, arrested two suspects aged 23 and 31 on Friday for possession of suspected stolen stock.

"The police arrested the pair after they discovered eight cattle with Botswana brand markings inside one of the suspect's kraal.

"In the third incident, another suspect aged 22, was arrested on Friday. February 23 after he was caught transporting a cow without documents. The suspect informed the police during the arrest that the cow belonged to his friend. The latter, aged 29, was also apprehended



**STOLEN CATTLE:** Eight suspects were arrested for stock theft in Zeerust at the weekend. PICTURE: WIREIDIA

on Saturday at Mathase village after failing to account for the cow when the police questioned him," Fumani said.

Three other people were nabbed on Saturday for the same offence.

"The suspects were arrested at Leerfontein village near Lehurutshe after they were linked to the case by another suspect who was arrested earlier. The suspects were arrested for theft of three cattle," Fumani said. The accused are expected to appear in the Ze

Lehurutshe Magistrate's Courts this week. Meanwhile, a 28 year-old man was also apprehended for possession of suspected stolen livestock in Ganyesa on Friday.

"He was nabbed after the police in Morokweng responded rapidly to a tip-off about suspicious males who were seen loading cattle into a bakkie at a cattle pen in the village.

"It was during the arrival of the police at the scene that two of the three males

fled while one was arrested.

"The police recovered four cattle including a bull, all worth R45 000. The cattle were later identified by the owner," Fumani said. North West police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Molswengane thanked the police for working hard to arrest the accused and recover stolen livestock.

She urged cops to continue doing their best to stop the stock theft scourge.

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## Suspected livestock theft

Pretoria News - 21/02/18 - EIGHT people were arrested in Zeerust and Lehurutshe, North West, between Friday and Saturday for possession of suspected stolen livestock, Lieutenant-Colonel Amanda Fumani said.

In an unrelated incident on Friday, also at Dinokana village, police on routine daily patrols arrested two men, aged 23 and 31, for possession of suspected stolen livestock. "Police arrested the pair after they discovered eight cattle with a Botswana brand mark inside one of the suspects' kraal." Another man was arrested on Friday after he was caught transporting a cow without documents - African News Agency (ANA)