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Pair arrested for hijacking and abduction

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TWO men who hijacked a Rustenburg couple were arrested after a police chase and will face charges of hijacking, possession of illegal firearms and abduction.

The two were arrested on Sunday morning.

North West police spokesperson Col Emelda Setlhako said that Rustenburg police acted swiftly to arrest the men.

"The suspects, aged 29 and 43, were arrested in connection with hijacking, possession of illegal firearms and abduction in the early hours of Sunday. The suspects were arrested a few minutes after neighbours saw them hijacking a vehicle belonging to a couple parking their car in their yard," she said.

Setlhako said those who witnessed the hijacking immediately phoned the police.

"It is alleged that the suspects put the owners of the new Golf 7 inside the boot and drove off. The highway police were alerted and they closed all the main roads in Rustenburg.

"The vehicle was spotted on the N4 Highway and police gave chase, the policeman said.

"The driver lost control and the vehicle overturned. "The victims were still inside the boot. They sustained minor injuries and were taken to a local hospital. The suspects, from Soshanguve, Pretoria, were arrested with no injuries," she said.

The men will appear in the Bafokeng Magistrate's Court. North West police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane congratulated the police for making sure the vehicle was recovered before the owners were harmed.

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