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Rhino killings: suspects in court

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FOUR suspects made their first court appearance in the Ceres Magistrate's Court on charges relating to rhino poaching after four rhinos were killed at a private game reserve last week.

Police spokesperson André Traut said the suspects, aged between 27 and 56, were arrested at the weekend.

"It is suspected that the suspects are responsible for the death of four

rhinos and the injury caused to a fifth one on December 8 on a game reserve in Ceres," Traut said

Two of the suspects are also facing charges related to the Immigration Act.

Inverdoorn owner Searl Derman said: "We are hoping that there is enough evidence and that the court does not release them or grant them bail.

"Everyone continues to work day and night to solidify their case and to bring all the perpetrators to justice."