

The Daily News

Thief used chicken to hide stolen gold

A well-known jewellery firm in South Africa reported today that it ① _____ [prevent] a bizarre attempt by one of its employees to steal gold by hiding it in a cooked chicken.

The unusual crime took place at Browns Jewellers' office in Dunkeld, Johannesburg, on Monday.

At some point during the day, the unnamed man apparently stuffed an unspecified amount of gold into the bird while no one ② _____ [look].

Fortunately, the company ③ _____ [take] precautions shortly before the incident by installing metal detectors at the entrance to the building.

The machines registered the presence of metal as the man ④ _____ [leave] the building.

He was seized by security guards who ⑤ _____ [stand] nearby. The guards searched him and found the gold-stuffed chicken.

Police ⑥ _____ [arrest] the man on the spot and put him in jail.

The suspect ⑦ _____ [appear] at Hillbrow Magistrates' Court on Tuesday and was charged with attempted theft and the possession of suspected stolen goods. He will appear in court again next week.

According to a police spokesman, the man requested bail, but it was refused. He added that at the moment, detectives ⑧ _____ [try] to determine the exact amount of gold taken from the jewellery firm.

Apparently, the man ⑨ _____ [steal] gold and jewels for months before he was arrested, and police are investigating whether he was the only one involved.

Finally, no one has explained how the man ate a roasted chicken for lunch every day, for weeks, and nobody ⑩ _____ [notice] it!