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Based on a tip from an NGO for the protection of birds, on 02.03.2017 the provincial inspector for environmental protection, assisted by police and ornithologists from the Provincial Institute for Nature Conservation, confiscated four live wild caught specimens of *Falco cherrug* (CITES App. II, EU Annex A) from a private person in the town of Ruma. The person illegally kept two adult specimens for a number of years, whereas according to his claims, two younger specimens were the offspring of the wild caught adults.

Two of the adult specimens have been released to the wild within the National Park “Fruška Gora” the same day, while the two remaining younger specimens were transported to Palić Zoo, where their condition will be assessed prior to attempting their return to the wild. An administrative process has been initiated against the offender by the provincial environmental inspector.

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