



## Suspected poacher dodges court

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Chinese national Nan Chen, arrested in January this year for illegal possession of two rhino horns, is allegedly on the run.

The 29-year-old Nan, who is free on bail of N\$300 000, was scheduled to make another appearance in the Windhoek Magistrate's Court yesterday, but was absent, and his privately-instructed defence lawyer Kadhila Amoomo also did not know his whereabouts.

As a result of Nan's absence before court, a warrant for his arrest was issued with immediate effect.

His bail money was provisionally forfeited to the State coffers until the next court date on 5 July this year.

In case Nan does not return to court, a final order will be issued by the court for his bail money to be forfeited to the State coffers.

Investigating Officer Felix Ndikoma has been directed to make available the docket of the case before court on 5 July 2017.

Nan's co-accused and fellow countryman Yongui Lu, 41, was present before court Wednesday with his lawyer Mbushandje Ntinda.

The value of the two rhino horns is estimated at N\$44 000.

The two men were arrested at Berghof Court in the Eros residential area.

A combined team of the Namibian police and City Police officers conducted a joint operation at the apartment and found two rhino horns and a shotgun.

Windhoek Magistrate Vanessa Stanley presided over the case, while Public Prosecutor Andreas Joseph represented the State.



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ONLY ONE LEFT: Chinese nationals Yongui Lu and Nan Chen. Photo: NAMPA

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