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## Doctor freed on bail



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*Pictured: Dr. Thomas van Wyk*

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A medical doctor who was arrested for the illegal possession of elephant tusks has been granted bail in the amount of N\$50 000 during a brief appearance in the Windhoek magistrate's court.

Dr. Thomas van Wyk handed himself over to the police after his friends informed the police that he had three tusks at his Auasblick home. The 44-year-old Van Wyk is employed as a medical doctor at the Namibia Oncology Centre in Windhoek. He has over 15 years of experience in a variety of medical fields.

He faces a charge of possession of protected wildlife products. The value of the tusks could not be established by the time he appeared in court, as the weighing process was still underway.

He made his first appearance before Magistrate Mwilima Mwilima, who granted him bail on condition that he surrenders his passport and that he does not leave the Windhoek district without informing the investigating officer. Dr. van Wyk was also ordered to report to the Windhoek police station every Monday and Friday between 08h00 and 17h00.

State prosecutor Sylvia Kauluma did not object to bail being granted. Evert Gouws represented the accused.

Magistrate Mwilima postponed the matter to 27 March to allow for further police investigations.

