



Security guards face a charge of attempted murder



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Five farm security guards face a charge of attempted murder after wounding a suspected poacher who was in the process of fleeing from a makeshift camp on a farm near Karibib

According to Deputy Commissioner Erastus likuyu, Erongo Regional Crime Investigations Coordinator, the shooting incident occurred early on Thursday morning on the Farm Okondura Nord No. 15 when a group of five farm security guards discovered three suspected poachers in a camp in the bushes.

It is alleged that the 30-year-old Andreas Shuudi, who is normally staying in the Usab Location in Karibib was shot in the left shoulder during the incident.

"It is suspected that Shuudi along with two other persons, one Andries Simweoshili and a man known only as Letti were busy conducting illegal hunting on Farm Okondura Nord No. 15 when their camp were discovered by the security team."

According to Deputy Commissioner likiyu the farm security guards discovered the head of one Oryx and three Zebra tails at the place where three suspects were found camping on the farm.

It is further alleged that, after the victim was shot he walked to the neighbouring farm, Farm Ombojohakane No.45 where he was found by a cattle herder at about 07:00. When he was found he was only wearing a T-shirt and his underwear.

His body was covered in his own blood and he had cuts on his feet from walking through the veldt barefooted.

"Shuudi was taken to Okahandja State Hospital by the State Ambulance in serious but stable condition."

According to Deputy Commissioner likuyu it is not yet clear which one of the five security guards shot the victim as all five of them were armed when they fired on the three fleeing men suspected of poaching.

"A case of illegal hunting and trespassing against the victim and the two other suspects will be registered soon. The two suspects who were with the victim are known to police in the area but they have not been arrested yet."

