

Employee of electricity company among four arrested for possession of rhino horns

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OTJIJARONGO, 14 AUG (NAMPA) - A 33-year-old employee of an electricity company is one of four men arrested at Otjiwarongo on Monday with rhino horns that had been freshly sawed off.

The Namibian Police Force's (NamPol) Crime Investigations Coordinator for Otjozondjupa, Naukalemo Andreas on Wednesday told Nampa the four suspects aged 33, 28, 34 and 36 were arrested around 17h00 near the Otjozondjupa Regional Council.

They were arrested by undercover police officers in Otjiwarongo, where they tried to sell the protected game products, she said.

Andreas said the police were still trying to identify the poaching scene and also to determine the exact value of the rhino horns.

The police officer said the horns were seized from the suspects and their two luxury vehicles impounded.

The suspects are expected to appear in the Otjiwarongo Magistrate's Court on Wednesday on charges of possession and dealing in protected and controlled wildlife products.

Police investigations continue.

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