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Rhino dead: four people in custody



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Windhoek / Otjiwarongo (Nampa / cev) - Police have arrested four suspected poachers who are believed to have hunted and killed white rhinos on a private farm in Grootfontein district. This was reported by the police spokeswoman for the Otjozondjupa region, Inspector Maureen Mbeha, yesterday in Otjiwarongo.

The suspects between the ages of 35 and 49 were arrested on Friday near Grootfontein. According to Mbeha, the pachyderms have been shot at over the past two months and an investigation has finally led to the suspects. "The perpetrators shot a male and injured a female," said the policewoman. The bull clearly died of gunshot wounds and was dehorned, while the rhinoceros cow was injured but escaped. According to Mbeha, each protected animal is worth one million Namibian dollars. "The investigation continues," she said.

