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Vigilance leads to arrest of a poaching gang

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THE vigilance of the farming community around Kamanjab led to the arrest of a gang of poachers that were on their way to hunt rhinos in the Etosha National Park.

According to the crime bulletin provided by the Public Relations Division of the Namibian Police, the five suspects were arrested on Farm Marinhohe in the Kamanjab policing area on Thursday evening after members of the community spotted them being dropped off by a suspicious vehicle.

"The police were alerted and members of the force acted promptly, which led to the arrest of the five suspects. A hunting rifle with a large calibre and ammunition for it was confiscated on the spot," the report reads.

During the arrest, officers searched the suspects further and besides the ammunition, they all had cannabis in their possession.

The poachers face charges of hunting or the intent to hunt specially protected game, conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of an illicit firearm and ammunition, attempting to defeat the course of justice, and the possession of illicit drugs.

The three suspects are currently detained at the Kamanjab Police Station and are set to appear in the Outjo Magistrate's Court on Monday.

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