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Rhino poached at Gobabis

Police catch several alleged goat and cattle thieves

The police reported several cases of cattle theft and poaching over the weekend - including the killing of a rhinoceros calf. Photo: Jana-Mari Smith

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Swakopmund / Windhoek (er) - The police reported several cases of cattle theft and poaching over the weekend - including the killing of a rhinoceros calf. There have been arrests in some cases.

As the police now announced, the rhinoceros calf was poached between Saturday at 10 am and Sunday at 10 am on the Farmer Kainas in the Gobabis district. "A 53-year-old South African came across the carcass of the rhinoceros calf. The horns were cut off, "said the police. A pair of shoe prints were discovered at the crime scene. No one has yet been arrested in this connection. The value of the rhinoceros is given as N $ 70,000.

Meanwhile, police are investigating a cattle theft case after two suspects allegedly stole 128 goats. According to the police report, the theft took place in Onandjandja Village, Onesi District, Omusati Region. "A 27-year-old and a 33-

year-old Namibian are said to have stolen the goats between 2012 and 2020," it says. The value of the animals is put at almost N $ 180,000.

In another case, the police arrested a person for stealing cattle: the 60-year-old is said to have stolen and slaughtered three goats from the village of Ombudiya in the Okongo district between September and October. The goats are valued at N $ 2,700.

Meanwhile, two suspected cattle thieves at Lemoendraai near Keetmanshoop have been caught by the police. A 22-year-old and a 55-year-old are said to have owned three stolen cattle (value: N $ 15,000).

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