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NamPower investigating employee accused of illegal hunting at Kalkfeld

NamPower has launched an internal investigation against its employee, Joel Ochurub, who was arrested Saturday near Kalkfeld after he was allegedly found with poached warthogs and an impala in an official vehicle.

The 48-year-old Ochurub on Tuesday appeared in the Otjiwarongo Magistrate's Court, where he was remanded in custody on a charge of illegal hunting.

He indicated to the court that he would engage a private lawyer, and his case was then postponed to 09 March 2021 for further police investigations.

NamPower's Managing Director (MD), Simson Kahenge Haulofu in an e-mail interview with Nampa on Wednesday said Ochurub was reportedly not on duty at the time of his arrest on Saturday.

"The company has now instituted an internal investigation into the matter, which might culminate in disciplinary procedures in line with the relevant company policies," said the MD.

Haulofu further stated that NamPower does not condone incidents of this nature.

The Namibian Police Force's crime investigations coordinator for the Otjozondjupa Region, Deputy Commissioner Naukalemo Andreas, on Sunday said the suspect was allegedly spotted loading stolen items in the NamPower vehicle around 18h48 on Saturday along the Kalkfeld-Otjiwarongo C33 road.

"The police at Kalkfeld were then alerted about it, chased after the vehicle and stopped it," she said.

Upon a search, two carcasses of warthogs valued at approximately N.dollars 7 000 and an impala, valued at N.dollars 6 000 were found in the vehicle with fresh gunshot wounds, she added.

An empty hunting rifle bag was also found inside the vehicle.

It is now suspected that the accused's accomplice might have fled on foot with the rifle used to kill the protected animals.

Police investigations into the matter continue.

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