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### Suspected poacher shot and killed on Farm Hamakari

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A 27-year-old man suspected to have been a poacher, died instantly in the early hours of Monday after he was allegedly shot in the chest on a game farm near Okakarara.

The spokesperson of the Namibian Police Force in the Otjozondjupa Region, Inspector Maureen Mbeha on Monday said the deceased has been identified as Claudius Hameva from Okakarara.

Mbeha said the shooting occurred around 01h30 on Farm Hamakari, a privately-owned game farm situated approximately 15 kilometres west of Okakarara.

Preliminary investigations by the police indicate that Hameva and three other suspects travelled from Okakarara and allegedly entered the farm with a troop of trained hunting dogs, spears and knives with the intention to hunt wild animals on the farm.

"A security guard employed to patrol the farm was on duty and saw them from a distance. He then allegedly ordered them to leave and there was then a confrontation and exchange of words between himself and the suspects," Mbeha said.

During the confrontation, the security guard fired a shotgun in the direction of the four suspects and a bullet struck Hameva in the chest, Mbeha explained.

"Hameva died on the spot, while the three others and the dogs fled the scene," she added.

The 30-year-old security guard who fired the shot has been arrested on a charge of murder.

Police investigations in the matter continue.

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