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Babi denied bail again

Staff Reporter

PROPHET Jackson Babi has yet again been denied bail in the Windhoek Magistrate's Court, because of fear he might again interfere with investigations, as he faces a bribery charge in addition to the poaching charges he was initially arraigned on.

In the bribery case, Babi is accused of attempting to bribe a police officer with N\$13 000.

Magistrate Linus Samunzala, in denying Babi bail said that the fact that the accused person was able to interfere with state witnesses whilst in custody indicates there is no telling whether he would still do the same if he is granted bail.



According to the magistrate, evidence provided in court indicates that Babi indeed interfered with investigations.

A follower of Babi, Ananias Ananias was also arrested in connection with the bribery after he was found with N\$13 000 and phones but was later released from jail when Prosecutor-General, Martha Imalwa decided to not prosecute him.

According to court records, Ananias is an usher at Babi's church. Although he was found with the money, he did not know what it was going to be used for. It was further his testimony that he was only instructed by Babi to bring the money to the investigating officer. Babi was found with a cellphone in the holding cell, which police say was used to communicate with the investigating officer.

Babi was arrested with seven other men after police found two rhino horns in his Windhoek home last year.

A firearm and ammunition were also found in his home, leading to his subsequent arrest. He will appear again on 16 April 2021.

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