

Three in court over horn in trunk 'Old kalant' stuck again

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Francoise Steynberg - Three suspected rhino horn smugglers appeared in the Ondangwa Magistrate's Court on Monday and were denied bail.

According to the head of the Blue Rhino task force, Comm. Barry de Klerk, is one of the accused, mr. Pendapala Herman, on bail out in the sensational case of the theft of 33 rhino horns on Outjo.

The other two accused are Constable Michael Muronga, who is attached to the crime prevention unit of the Namibian police in Otjiwarongo, and Mr. Alfons Tjukuru from the Oshana region.

Their case was adjourned until July 19 for further investigation.

The case stems from their arrest on Omuthiya on Friday after they were allegedly caught with a rhino horn in their possession. They apparently drove a white VW Polo through the roadblock of Oshivelo and the constable pretended to be on duty.

Police received a tip and searched the vehicle where a rhino horn was allegedly found in a black bag in the trunk of the vehicle.

Herman was released on N \$ 30,000 bail last year after being accused of stealing 33 rhino horns from the safe of a house on Outjo. The owner of a lodge near Etosha dehorned his rhinos for protection and kept the horns in his safe.

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