



Poacher caught red-handed at agricultural college farm

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A 29-YEAR-OLD male suspect was arrested in the Rehoboth constituency on charges of illegal hunting and possession of game meat without a permit.

Crime investigation coordinator of the Namibian Police in the Hardap region deputy commissioner Eric Clay confirmed the arrest.

The suspect is charged with illegal poaching after he was found in possession of a gemsbok worth N\$8 000 and a warthog worth N\$2 500. It is not clear if the animals were still alive.

The poached animals were from the Tsumis Agricultural College near Rehoboth.

According to the police report last Wednesday, Hilmer de Klerk, a farmer in the area, was driving past Tsumis farm area when he saw a suspicious white Toyota Cressida sedan.

De Klerk drove to where the suspicious vehicle was spotted but found nothing and no one.

On Thursday night, the same vehicle was spotted on the B1 Road by another farmer, who was on his way from his farm, and immediately alerted the Rehoboth police, leading to his arrest.

“The suspect is currently in Rehoboth police cells, as he was charged for illegal hunting,” said Clay.

The suspect is expected to appear in the Rehoboth Magistrate's Court on Monday.