



## Accused poachers remanded at Otavi

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Three suspects arrested on poaching charges near Otavi last week were remanded in custody by the Otavi magistrate's court.

The three were arrested on a gravel road near the Ohorongo Cement factory on Tuesday.

They were found in possession of a silencer, ammunition, one hunting rifle, a knife and a machete. They were suspected to have been on a rhino poaching mission at a nearby farm.

All the equipment was confiscated, along with the Toyota vehicle that they had been found in.

The three were charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition, and conspiracy to hunt specially protected game.

The suspects have been identified as Simeon Namene (51), Gotlieb Wilhelm (32) and Shimbilinga Mateus (41).

The case was postponed to 4 November this year and the suspects were remanded in custody while police investigations continue.

Namene opted to apply for legal aid. Mateus said he would hire a private lawyer, whereas Wilhelm said he would represent himself in court.

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