

Windhoek doctor arrested on wildlife charges

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A WINDHOEK-BASED medical doctor, Daniel (Danie) Jordaan, was arrested at his farm in the Okahandja area on Thursday last week in connection with allegations that he is keeping wild animals in captivity without the required permits.

Jordaan's arrest follows on a joint investigation of the Namibian Police and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

The Namibian has learned that the authorities where tipped off that Jordaan was involved in alleged illegal hunting, keeping wild animals without permits and transporting wild animals without permits.

Police spokesperson deputy commissioner Kauna Shikwambi on Saturday confirmed that Jordaan was in custody awaiting a bail application.

“The case is allegedly about the keeping or possession of six cheetahs and two baboons without a permit on the farm,” Shikwambi stated. She added that Jordaan made a first appearance in the Okahandja Magistrate's Court on Friday.

The Namibian has reliably learned that the authorities are still investigating and monitoring Jordaan's farm, as they suspect he was keeping more wild animals without authorisation from the environment ministry.