

Suspect to appear in Omaruru court over kudu poaching



ILLEGAL HUNT ... The carcasses of two kudus allegedly poached at Omaruru. Photo: Police

By Adam Hartman

8 April 2023

A 43-year-old suspect is due to appear in the Omaruru Magistrate's Court next week, after he was arrested on Thursday for illegally hunting kudus.

Inspector Ileni Shapumba, the police spokesperson in the Erongo region, has said the suspect was found in possession of two kudu carcasses, valued at N\$15 000.

According to Shapumba, it is suspected that the animals had been hunted illegally on land belonging to the Municipality of Omaruru.

He said the police fired warning shots after the suspect failed to stop at a temporary roadblock on the road to Otjimbingwe.

field_64114e63beb25

This was after the suspect evaded police officers from Otjimbingwe and Karibib, after a car chase.

"Despite the police's attempt to stop the vehicle, the suspect drove past the roadblock at high speed.

"The police chased the vehicle until they reached the Swakop River. Two warning shots were fired to stop the driver from further fleeing," Shapumba said.

He said the vehicle that the suspect was driving has been impounded.

Two kudu carcasses allegedly found in the suspect's vehicle were handed over to officials from the environment ministry.