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## Nampol in Omusati thwart a rhino poaching expedition and confiscate the rifle

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TWO Angolan nationals who allegedly entered Namibia for a rhino poaching expedition were apprehended by the police in the Omusati Region. The police swiftly confiscated a rifle, its corresponding ammunition, and other hunting equipment.

Authorities received information regarding the movement of the suspected poachers, leading them to set up an impromptu roadblock on the Outapi-Ruacana main road. The police said, "Information was received of someone bringing a firearm from Angola to be used for the hunting of rhinos in the area of Otjiwarongo."

An undercover operation was carried out, resulting in the arrest of the two Angolan nationals. The suspects were en route to Otjiwarongo in the Otjozondjupa Region, where the alleged rhino hunting was intended to occur.

Upon their arrest, the suspects were found in possession of a hunting rifle and its corresponding ammunition, a black telescope, an empty rifle magazine, a black hand-held torch, a sharpened panga, and a short screwdriver.



PICTURED: The confiscated rifle, ammunition, and other hunting tools. Photo: Nampol

The two suspects were scheduled to appear in the Outapi Magistrate's Court today, facing multiple charges, including:

- Conspiring to hunt specially protected game without a permit
- Possessing a firearm without a license

- Possessing ammunition without a license and while not in lawful possession of a firearm capable of firing that type of ammunition
- Importing a firearm and ammunition into Namibia without a permit
- Entering Namibia through an ungazetted port of entry
- Failing to present oneself to an immigration control official.

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