Cops seize unlicensed gun, python skins at Okombahe



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Erongo law enforcement officers on Monday evening arrested a 49-year-old Namibian man at a mini-shop at Okombahe for possessing illegal python skins and an unlicensed revolver.

The arrest was a result of an intelligence-led operation, according to Erongo police spokesperson inspector Ileni Shapumba.

"The person was found with two python skins, which he kept in a plastic bag in his shop," said Shapumba.

The skins are valued at N\$60 000. Python is a protected species under the Nature Conservation Act. Possession of any python product is a violation of wildlife protection laws, warranting a hefty fine and potential imprisonment.

The police also found an unlicensed revolver hidden in the same vicinity, Shapumba said.

The weapon, valued at N\$5 000, contravenes the Arms and Ammunition Act.

The suspect will appear in the Omaruru Magistrate's Court, facing the two charges.