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Hermanus Kharugab





- Ashley Eiseb

## **POACHERS TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS**

Rent vehicle to commit crime

**Two suspected habitual criminals who were arrested on Friday for the illegal hunting of wildlife worth N\$35,000 have already been found guilty and will hear their fate on Friday.**

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Hermanus Kharugab (46), who is facing a charge of attempted murder and illegal hunting, was arrested again on Friday in Okahandja for illegal hunting.

Numerous cases in Witvlei, Gobabis, Windhoek and Omaruru have apparently also been filed against his accomplice, Ashley Eiseb - who was arrested together with him.

Kharugab allegedly shot a kudu near Wilhelmstal in December 2022.

"We chased him. We were still in the vehicle when he jumped out and started shooting at us. We have registered a case of attempted murder and illegal hunting against him," said a member of an anti-poaching unit.

Apparently he has been catching the suspect for the past six years.

"We confiscated all three of his vehicles and had him locked up, but every time he comes out on bail again and again."

### **FRIDAY**

The two suspects were caught on Friday around 04:00 with five goats in their possession that had been poached.

The men poached two kudus, two waterbucks and a gemsbok worth N\$35,000 in the Khomas region.

According to the Namibian police's crime report, they drove on the M53 dirt road from Kappsfarm to the D2102 dirt road and through the Midgard Lodge to Okahandja. They apparently shot the animals next to the road reserve.

The suspects hired a vehicle to commit the crime.

The owner tracked the vehicle's movement on the tracking device. He realized that the vehicle was traveling in the opposite direction to Kamanjab, for which the vehicle was hired.

He contacted the police and the suspects were arrested on Okahandja.

The police seized the carcasses, the vehicle and a firearm without a visible serial number.

The men have already appeared in court and have been found guilty. Their sentencing is

Friday.

"We are now collecting all their outstanding old cases so that we can prove that they are habitual criminals and poachers and not first offenders. So far we have five complaints against Eiseb and two against Kharugab, but there are more."

#### MORE INCIDENTS

A man is believed to have illegally sold and slaughtered 25 cattle worth N\$237,500 and five goats worth N\$12,500 from the farm Ehafo in the Oshikoto region.

The owner noticed that his animals were diminishing and confronted the suspect. The suspect claimed he did not know anything about the animals' disappearance, but fled shortly afterwards. No one has been arrested yet.

\* On Friday around 02:00, one bull and a heifer worth N\$41 000 were poached between the Otjongombe and Bulscop settlements in the Otjozondjupa region. The suspects stole the animals from a camp, slaughtered them in another place and drove the meat away. The suspects are known to the police, but have not yet been arrested.

\* Over the weekend, two cows worth N\$18,000 were poached on the farm Davetsaub in the Otjimbingwe area in the Karibib district. The suspects trampled the fence and the cows entered the neighboring farm. The suspects slaughtered the animals and loaded the meat into two vehicles. No one was arrested.

\* On Saturday, two men aged 20 and 26 respectively were arrested. They allegedly slaughtered two sheep worth N\$5,000. At around 02:00 at the Claasen Camp on the Okombahe resettlement farm, they cut the fence and gained access to the animals. –  
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