

Other cases relating to poaching to be joined in Brockerhoff case

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Derick Brockerhoff, aged 47, and his co-accused Markus Rooinasie, 27, who are in custody after being arrested in April for being found with two carcasses of wild game meat, a kudu, and an oryx, without a permit in the Eros mountains, appeared in the Windhoek Magistrate Court on 17 May 2024. Their case was postponed to 30 July to allow the state to join other cases in which the two are also accused of poaching.



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The public prosecutor in the matter, Rowan Van Wyk, said that both accused are appearing from custody and that the matter is on the roll for further investigations. He added that all statements have been obtained; however, there are subsequent matters for which both accused are to be charged in Rehoboth and Swakopmund. In the first appearance, it was established that Brockerhoff had seven previous cases related to poaching, which created a stumbling block in his getting bail.

Van Wyk added that due to the nature of the offences, the two have to be assigned to Magistrate Hendricks; however, she is dealing with the special court in Rundu. He thus requested that the matter be postponed to 30 July 2024 for a possible joinder to the amount of the matters. Van Wyk added that the state still objects to granting bail to the accused for fear that they may abscond.