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Suspected poachers killed in exchange of fire with cops in Etosha

Staff Reporter

TWO suspected poachers were shot to death in an exchange of fire with members of the anti-poaching unit in the Etosha National Park on Wednesday.

The incident occurred at the Scorpionbelt, Western Zone, when a patrol of the anti-poaching unit observed shoeprints that had entered the park through the park's fence.

According to the police, the suspects' tracks were pursued for a distance of 60 km up to a water point where Rhinos mostly feed on small shrubs.

It is alleged that when the suspects noticed that they were being pursued, they opened fire on the anti-poaching unit members, resulting in an exchange of fire. "Consequently, the poachers were fatally shot," said the police.

It was eventually discovered that the poachers were armed with two hunting rifles.

A case of murder (CR03/05/2024) was registered at the Omuthiya police station.

The identities of the suspects have not yet been established as no identification documents were found on their bodies.

The bodies are kept at the Omuthiya police mortuary.

The police are requesting anyone with information about the poachers or anyone missing a loved one to visit the Omuthiya police mortuary for possible identification of the bodies.

The Police Regional Commander of the Oshikoto Region and Gold Commander of Yesa Ongava Anti-Poaching Operation in the Etosha National Park can be contacted at 081 129 3022.