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TWO SUSPECTED RHINO POACHERS SHOT DEAD IN ETOSHA

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Two suspected rhino poachers were shot dead on Wednesday afternoon at Scorpionbelt on the west side within the Etosha National Park by members of the anti-poaching unit.

According to the Namibian police (Nampol), the members associated with the anti-poaching operation in Etosha noticed footprints along the park's fence between 12:00 and 13:00 during their patrols.

According to Nampol, the members then followed the footprints in a radius of 60 km to a waterhole where rhinos usually feed on shrubs.

"When the poachers noticed that they were being followed, they opened fire on the members of the anti-poaching unit which led to a back and forth shooting," reads Nampol's statement.

As a result, the poachers were shot dead. According to Nampol, the poachers were armed with two hunting rifles.

A case of murder (case number CR03/05/2024) is being investigated at the Omuthiya Police Station.

The identities of the suspected poachers are yet to be established at this stage as no identification documents were found on their bodies. Their bodies are kept at Omuthiya Police Mortuary.

Nampol urges anyone with information or missing a family member to visit the Omuthiya Police Mortuary for possible identification of the bodies.

The regional commander of Oshikoto and commander of the Yesa Ongava anti-congestion unit can be contacted in this regard on 081 129 3022. - francoise@nmh.com.na

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