

Cops arrest three suspected elephant tusk dealers, one shot and hospitalised

Staff Reporter

THREE male suspects, aged between 30 and 46, were apprehended by the police in Mariental on Saturday while they were allegedly looking for a buyer for an elephant tusk they had in their possession.

One of the suspects was shot during the arrest and was initially taken to the local hospital, but was afterwards transferred to a hospital in Windhoek for further treatment.

The three suspects are accused of dealing in controlled wildlife products without a permit, disguising the origin of unlawful property, and assisting another to benefit from the proceeds of illegal activities.

The value of the tusk has not been determined yet.

