

An unidentified Namibian man was fatally shot yesterday morning, 13 January 2026, at Farm Ojtisazu in Ovitoto, Okahandja District.

According to Otjozondjupa Police spokesperson and Community Liaison Officer Senior Inspector Maureen Mbeha, the deceased was allegedly one of two suspects involved in the illegal hunting and killing of an oryx when anti-poaching security guards confronted them.

During the pursuit, the man was shot with a 12-gauge shotgun while the second suspect escaped.

The deceased sustained gunshot wounds to the chest and abdominal area and allegedly died instantly.

His body was transported to the Okahandja State Hospital mortuary for preservation.

Mbeha added that a licensed 12-gauge shotgun used in the incident has been seized and is currently in police custody.

Two suspects, aged 34 and 23, have been arrested and detained for further investigations and are expected to appear in court later this week.

Investigations continue, and the deceased's next of kin have not yet been informed, as his identity remains unknown.