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MINISTRY OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

MEDIA BRIEFING: REPORTED WEEKEND SERIOUS CRIMES: 12-14 August 2016

Namibian Police Force - Public Relations Division

Anro Court Building

14H00

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Reported Incidents:

- 2 x Arson
- 3 x Suicide
- 2 x Culpable homicide
- 1 x Rape
- 1 x Extortion
- 1x Armed Robbery
- 3 x Attempted Murder

KHOMAS REGION

Arson – Wanaheda: On 12 August 2016 at 1230hrs in Julius Nyerere Street, a 24 year old man burnt beyond recognition after his shack caught fire. It is alleged that the deceased who was under the influence of alcohol in the company of friends decide to go and sleep inside his shack. However before leaving, he requested one of his friends to lit him a cigarette and he left inside his room. It is suspected that the fire might have been caused by the cigarette. The deceased is identified as Richie Uirab and his next of kin is informed. Police investigation continues.

Arson – Wanaheda: On 13 August 2016 between 1915hrs and 1930hrs at a residence in Okarundu Street, it is alleged that a room inside the house caught fire while a four year old girl was inside the room. When the occupants realised the fire, it has already spread and they could not extinguish the fire in the room. The emergency, Fire Brigade was alerted and extinguish the fire. The four year old girl was found inside the room with burnt injuries and was rushed to the hospital, but unfortunately she died. She is identified as Ndapewa Sakaria and the next of kin is informed. The cause of the fire is not yet known. Police investigation is launched.

ERONGO REGION

Extortion / Attempted Murder and Robbery – Walvisbay: On 14 August 2016 at 1100hrs at the New Industrial Area, it is alleged that two Chinese business men threatened and forced another Chinese business man at gunpoint to ratify a contract which states that the victim owes the suspects about 8 million Namibian Dollars. Three shots were fired however no injuries was reported. The victim signed the contract and thereafter the suspects robbed the victim of his cell phone, damaged it and hid it in the dunes. Upon release of the victim, he alerted the police and one suspect was arrested while the main suspect is on the run. The hidden cell phone was recovered and police investigation continues.

OSHANA REGION

Culpable Homicide – Oshakati: On 12 August 2016 at 1630hrs at Uukwangula main road, it is alleged that the driver of a silver Opel Corsa lost control of the vehicle causing it to overturn. Two passengers died on the scene while another died at hospital. The deceased are identified as Tiofilia Ipinge (51), Kristofina Shivute (37) and Johannes Andreas (01). The driver sustained serious injuries and is admitted at Oshakati State Hospital. The next of kin of the deceased are informed. Police investigation continues.

Culpable Homicide – Ongwediva: On 12 August 2016 at 0745hrs on the Ondagwa/Ongwediva main road next to Omaalala village, it is alleged that a Nissan vehicle travelling from Ongwediva hit and collided against the back of a Toyota Dyna Truck which was travelling from Ondangwa. The Nissan overturned and the driver of the Nissan vehicle died on the spot while one passenger died at the hospital. Four other passengers sustained serious injuries and are admitted at Oshakati State Hospital. The deceased are identified as Kalola Tomas (34) and Werner Jeremia (42). The next of kin is informed. Police investigation continues.

HARDAP REGION

Suicide – Gochas: On 13 August 2016 at 1445hrs at Gochas settlement, the body of Frederick Witbooi (28) was found hanging from a tree by a passerby who alerted the Police. There was no suicide note left behind. The next of kin is informed.

OSHIKOTO REGION

Rape – Tsintsabis: On 12 August 2016 at 2200hrs at Tsintsabis, it is alleged that an 18-year-old girl was walking back home when three men approached her, overpowered her and raped her one after the other. Two suspects, both 21-years old are apprehended while the third suspect is on the run. The girl was medically examined and the rape was confirmed. Police investigation continues.

Suicide – Okatope: On 14 August 2016 at 0700hrs at Onambango village, the body of Sakaria Tomas (64) was found hanging from the roof in his sleeping room. There was no suicide note left behind. The next of kin is informed.

OHANGWENA REGION

Attempted Murder (double) – Eenhana: On 12 August 2016 at 1700hrs at Ekango Langobe, Epembe Constituency, it is alleged that a mentally retarded man (36) chopped off his cousin's left ear and left ring finger with a machete for unknown reasons. In self defence, the victim (38) drew his pistol and shot

the 36 year old mentally retarded man on the left arm. Both were treated at Eenhana State Hospital. Police Investigation continues.

Attempted Murder – Eenhana: On 13 August 2016 at 1755hrs at Ohaamwiimbi, Epembe Constituency, it is alleged that a 40-year old man stabbed a 60-year old man in the back left shoulder with a knife, after an argument. The victim sustained serious injuries and is admitted at Eenhana State Hospital. The suspect is arrested and police investigation continues.

KAVANGO WEST

Suicide – Kahenge: On 13 August 2016 at 1900hrs at Kappa Mpungu area, the body of a 36 year-old man was found hanging from a belt in the hut. There was no suicide note left behind. The deceased is reported to originate from Ohangwena Region thus; the next of kin is yet to be informed.

No serious incidents were reported in the below Regions:

Kavango East, Kunene, Karas, Omusati, Zambezi, Omaheke and Otjozondjupa.

Regards

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