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Department of Police

MINISTRY OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

MEDIA BRIEFING: REPORTED WEEKEND SERIOUS CRIMES: 15-17 JULY 2016

Namibian Police Force - Public Relations Division

Anro Court Building

14H00

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Reported Incidents:

- **3 x Suicide**
- **2 x Culpable homicide**
- **1 x Illegal possession of controlled wild life products**
- **1 x R/N Driving and Drunk and Driving**
- **1 x Natural death**

KHOMAS REGION

Suicide – Windhoek: On 16 July 2016 at 1245hrs at Harmony mountain village situated 26km south of Windhoek; it is alleged that a German national woman (46) and a known “rock/mountain climber” arrived in Namibia on Thursday 14 July 2016 and rented an Avis vehicle. However, on Saturday the woman is suspected to have committed suicide by jumping from a rocky mountain where she died instantly. Her body was discovered by fellow climbers who went to that specific spot to use some facilities. At the scene, the police found two bags of which one contained her belongings but there was no cell phone. Another bag contained male clothes and on top of that bag was a note indicating who should be contacted. A Police investigation is launched.

Suicide – Windhoek: On 16 July 2016 at 0820hrs in a riverbed behind the Hage Geingob Stadium in Olympia. The body of Twaitavela Vilho (34) was found hanging from a tree by passersby who alerted the Police. A suicide note bidding farewell to family, friends and colleagues was found on the scene. The next of kin is informed.

Suicide – Wanaheda: On 16 July 2016 at 1000hrs in a shack at Matsitsi Street in Goreangabdam. The body of Andreas Tangeni Shoombe (41) was found hanging from a rope in his shack. The next of kin is informed. No suicide is left behind.

Inquest (Natural death) – Windhoek: On 16 July 2016 at 1245hrs in a residence at Epukiro Street in Eros, the lifeless body of Ferdinand Gustav Baskhaus (86) was found on the bed in his bedroom. The cause of death is unknown. A Police investigation is launched.

OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

Illegal possession of controlled wild life products - Otavi: On 15 July 2016 at 2100hrs, 40km from Otavi, on the Outjo gravel road. During the Police stop and search operation, the officers discovered three rhino carcasses (2x big and 1x small horns) loaded in a Toyota pick-up. The only three occupants of the vehicle were immediately arrested and are expected to appear in the Otavi Magistrate Court on 18 July 2016. Police investigation continues.

KAVANGO EAST REGION

Culpable Homicide and Driving a motor vehicle without a driver's licence – Rundu:

On 16 July 2016 at 1820hrs at Ncancana village, on the Rundu/Cuma gravel road. It is alleged that the unlicensed driver was driving a Toyota Hilux with nine passengers on board. The driver however lost control of the vehicle causing it to overturn and killing two passengers instantly. The deceased are identified as Sevelinus Mandavero (40) and a two months old baby boy. The next of kin are informed. The other passengers including the driver escaped with minor injuries. The driver (32) is arrested and police investigation continues.

ERONGO REGION

Culpable Homicide – Karibib: On 15 July 201 at 1500hrs between Karibib and Otjimbingwe gravel road; it is alleged that the driver of a Nissan Hardbody vehicle lost control of his vehicle causing it to overturn. A five year old boy Hernandus Gaoseb, died on the spot while his parents sustained serious injuries and the other six passengers sustained minor injuries. No arrest is made and police investigation continues.

Reckless and Negligent Driving and Drunk and Driving: Usakos: On 16 July 2016 on the Karibib/Usakos main road, it is alleged that the driver of a BMW was overtaking a number of vehicles at once. When the oncoming vehicle (Mercedes Benz) which was travelling in the opposite direction saw that the BMW was closer and they are likely to collide, the driver veered off the road and in the attempt to bring the vehicle back on the road, he unfortunately collided with another vehicle. The BMW sped off and failed to assess the accident. The occupants of the Mercedes Benz, who are Zimbabwean nationals sustained serious injuries and are admitted in hospital in Usakos. The driver of the BMW was later arrested in Usakos. Police investigation continues.

No serious incidents were reported in the below Regions:

Hardap, Kunene, Oshikoto, Ohangwena, Karas, Omusati, Zambezi and Omaheke.

Regards

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