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MINISTRY OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

MEDIA BRIEFING: REPORTED WEEKEND SERIOUS CRIMES: 02-04 September 2016

Namibian Police Force - Public Relations Division

Anro Court Building

14H00

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Reported Incidents = 23 / 20 lives lost, 14 due to vehicle accidents

Inquest (Accident and Arson	- 2 (7 dead)
Arson	- 1 (1 dead)
Murder	- 2
Suicide	- 2
Culpable Homicide	- 6 (8 dead)
Illegal Hunting	- 2
Attempted Murder	- 1
R/N Driving	- 4
Rape	- 2
Armed Robbery	- 1

POLICE SUCCESSES

Illegal Hunting and poaching – Omaruru: On 02/09/2016 in the afternoon hours, a collaborated team of investigators from Khomas and Otjozondjupa Regions, after days of investigation and search managed to arrest four suspects (aged 60, 51, 40 and 40) of which two are Zambian nationals, one Angolan and one Namibian. The suspects were hunted down after they killed a Rhino and removed the horns at Erindi Game Reserve on 01 September 2016. After their arrest the horns were recovered in Okahandja at a residence of a Congolese national. An AK 47rifle with a silencer and with a full magazine, loose rounds, an axe full of blood and used mobile phone recharge vouchers were found at the area where the suspects were camping. The suspects are expected to appear

in the Omaruru Magistrate Court on Monday, 05 September 2016. Police Investigations continues.

Act. no. 9/2008 sec. 4 (1) (a) possession of controlled wildlife products – Rundu:

On 01/09/2016 at 1700hrs at Cuca Tops Club in Rundu, two suspects, a former police officer and a NWR employee (48) together with his counterpart (30) were arrested after they were found in possession of two rhino horns. The suspects were arrested after they were found to be suspicious and when the police followed them they sped off in their vehicle however the police managed to stop them. Their vehicle was searched and the horns were found. The suspects are expected to appear in the Rundu Magistrate Court on Monday. Police investigation continues.

HARDAP REGION

Inquest (Road Accident) – Rehoboth: On Saturday 2016/09/03 at about 0500hrs a Nissan NP200 and a Hyundai Gertz collided head on at about 40km from Rehoboth to Kalkrand on the B1 road. Both vehicles caught fire and burnt completely. Each vehicle had three occupants who burnt to death. The driver of the Nissan is identified as Detlief Van Wyk (38) and the two passengers Johannes Swartbooi (37) and Joseph Swarts (35) and they were all teachers at MK Gertze Secondary School in Rehoboth. The Hyundai occupants were Hendrik George Strauss (37), Marius Isaaks (age unknown) and a Police Constable Ryan George Van Wyk (22). Their next of kin are informed.

Rape – Rehoboth: On 02/09/2016 at 2220hrs at Weekend Bar near Block E in Rehoboth, it is alleged that two suspects (22 and 26) grabbed an 18-year-old girl and forcefully dragged her to a nearby room where they raped her. The suspects are arrested and police investigation continues.

KHOMAS REGION

Culpable Homicide – Wanaheda: On 02/09/2016 at 1830hrs in Herefort Street, Okahandja park location, it is alleged that the driver of a red polo hit and killed Etuhole Asser, 07-year old pedestrian. The girl was allegedly running towards her mother alongside the road when the vehicle left the road and bumped her. The driver fled the scene but later reported himself at Wanaheda Police Station. The driver (32) is arrested and Police investigation continues.

Culpable Homicide / Driving without a valid driver's license – Windhoek: On 02/09/2016 at 1855hrs on the Windhoek/Okahandja B1 road, it is alleged that

the driver (27) of a white Volkswagen Jetta which was heading to the coast hit and killed Thomas Kondjeni (31) while he was crossing the road. The deceased is reportedly to be a member of the struggle kids who are camping at Brakwater. Soon after the accident a commotion erupted of which the struggle kids assaulted the driver and randomly threw stones. The driver, in fear for his life fled the scene, however later on reported himself to the Police. In the process a police vehicle also got damaged. The next of kin of the deceased is informed. The driver is arrested and it was detected that he was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license. Police investigation continues.

Suicide – Windhoek: A German national namely Jurgen Volland (43) allegedly shot and killed himself with a hunting rifle at plot 20 at Kappsfarm. The body was discovered behind the house in the riverbed on 03/09/2016 at 14h00 by close friends. A suicide note was left behind indicating some financial problems. The next of kin is informed. Police investigation continues.

Inquest (Arson) – Katutura: On 03/09/2016 at 1930hrs in a shack at Agtse Laan in Otjomuise, it is alleged a father who was home with his 02-year-old toddler lit a candle in the shack where the child was sleeping and he went outside to smoke a cigarette. The next moment he realized that his shack was on fire. He rushed inside to rescue his child however it was too late as the child succumbed. He sustained serious burnt injuries and is treated at the hospital. The child is identified as Richard Frans Swarts. Police investigation continues.

Murder – Wanaheda: On 03/09/2016 near Johnny's Bar in Havana location, Keetmanshoop Street, it is alleged that a man left the bar and went outside to urinate. Soon thereafter the man stormed into the bar, fell to the ground and died. A stab wound was observed in his left chest. He is identified as David Gideon (25) and the next of kin is informed. **The police is requesting for anyone with more information to contact the Wanaheda Police Station.** Police investigation continues.

OTJOZONDJUPA REGION

Culpable Homicide – Otjiwarongo: On 03/09/2016 at 0100hrs on the Otjiwarongo/Okahandja main road closer to Otjimbamba Lodge, 07km from Otjiwarongo, It is alleged that three people burnt while eleven others sustained serious to minor injuries when two vehicles in which they were traveling collided head on and caught fire on impact. It is reported that the Iveco mini-bus and the courier truck with two people on board were travelling in the opposite

directions and collided when one of them tried to over take another vehicle. Two of the deceased were in the Mini-bus while the third one was a passenger in the courier truck. The injured were taken to Otjiwarongo State Hospital. The names of the deceased are not yet released. Police investigation continues.

ERONGO REGION

Culpable Homicide – Uis: On 03/09/2016 at around 0100hrs on the Uis/Khorixas gravel road, 8km from Uis. It is alleged that a family of four was travelling in a Corsa bakkie from Uis on the way to a farm to attend a family event when the driver lost control over the vehicle causing it to overturn. The driver is identified as Alfred Gaseb, 41 yrs died on the spot. The passengers, (37) (17) were slightly injured whereas a 14 year old boy was seriously injured. The injured passengers were taken to Uis clinic for Medical treatment. The vehicle is reported to have burnt down after the accident. The next of kin of the deceased is informed. Police Investigation continues.

Attempted murder – Mondesa: On 03/09/2016, between 0100 and 0200hrs in the area of Peace Garden Bar in DRC location, it is alleged that the suspect and the victim were fighting for unknown reasons. During the fight the suspect took a pistol and shot the victim once in the neck and once in the stomach. The victim (23) was taken to Swakopmund State hospital and later transferred to Windhoek hospital for further treatment. He is reported to be in a critical condition. The suspect (32) was assaulted by the victim's friends who managed to remove the pistol from him before he fled. The pistol was handed over to the Police. The suspect is arrested however admitted in Swakopmund State Hospital, under police guard. Police investigation continues.

Murder – Otjimbingwe: On 03/09/2016 at 0830hrs, at Farm Gurigaob about 15 kilos from Otjimbingwe, it is alleged that the suspect (22), stabbed and killed Isak Goagoseb (30) with a knife in the left side of the neck and in the left shoulder. The two allegedly fought in the morning hours and after the fight the deceased took the goats to the field. He did not stay long in the field and upon his arrival with the goats the suspect was waiting for him at the farm. The suspect approached the deceased near the kraal and stabbed him to death. The motive is not yet known. The next of kin of the deceased is informed. The suspect is arrested and police investigation continues.

KARAS REGION

Culpable Homicide – Noordeoewer: On 04/09/2016 between 0400hrs and 0600hrs on the Noordeoewer Border Post road, it is alleged that a man identified as Markus Mark (24) died instantly after he was bumped by an unknown vehicle. The next of kin is informed. **The police is requesting for anyone with more information to contact the Noordeoewer Police Station.** Police investigation continues.

OSHANA REGION

Culpable Homicide – Ondangwa: On 02/09/2016 at 0830hrs at Uupopo location in Ondangwa, it is alleged that the driver of a white Nissan parked his vehicle at a residence in Uupopo location. Upon departing, while reversing he ran over a toddler who was reportedly lying under the vehicle. The one year old toddler died instantly and is identified as Amukwaya London Loose. No arrest is made and police investigation continues.

Reckless and or negligent driving – Ongwediva: On 02/09/2016 at 1620hrs on the Ondangwa/Ongwediva main road, it is alleged that the driver of a Toyota Corolla was traveling from Ongwediva towards Ondangwa when he bumped a cyclist (69) who was cycling on the road. The victim sustained serious injuries in the head and is admitted in Oshakati state hospital. The driver is 35 years of age and is not arrested. Police investigation continues.

Reckless and or negligent driving – Ondangwa: On 03/09/2016 at Onandjokwe towards Onethindi main road at 0520hrs, it is alleged that the driver of a white Toyota Etios bumped a pedestrian who was walking alongside the road. The victim (23), a security guard at Omle Security Company broke his two legs and is admitted in Onandjokwe State Hospital. The driver is a 25 years old IUM Student and is not arrested. Police investigation continues.

Reckless and or negligent driving – Ondangwa: On 03/09/2016 at 1600hrs on the main road between Ondangwa towards Onethindi, it is alleged that a 29-year old woman lost her pregnancy after the vehicle she was travelling in collided with another vehicle. The driver of a Toyota Pick-Up was not in possession of a driver's license when he collided with a Polo vehicle, hitting it from behind. There were two pregnant women in the sedan. The other woman sustained slight injuries and is admitted at Onadjokwe State Hospital. No arrest is made, police investigation continues.

Armed Robbery – Ongwediva: On 03/09/2016 at 2200hrs in Church Street, Ongwediva, a woman was walking with her son when three unknown men approached them, pointed them with a pistol and robbed her of her cellphone valued at N\$15 000-00. No arrest and no recovery is made yet and police investigation into the matter continues.

KAVANGO EAST REGION

Reckless and Negligent driving and driving a m/vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drug – Rundu: On 02/09/2016 at about 1630hrs at the t-junction of Wimpy Ndama on the Trans Caprivi highway, it is alleged that the driver of a polo volkswagen with a Botswana registration number collided head on with a Toyota pickup which was travelling in the opposite direction. The driver of the polo is a Mostwana 33 year of age who was found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. No fatalities and no serious injuries to humans were reported. The suspect is arrested and Police investigation continues.

OMUSATI REGION

Rape - Onadjaba: On 03 September 2016 at 0700hrs at Omatadiva village, Okalongo Constituency, a man (19) was arrested after it was determined that he raped two minors (8 and 6 years old) who were left in his care. The minors started to complain about abdominal pain and were taken to the hospital where it was detected that they were sexually violated. The suspect is the uncle to the victims. Police investigation continues.

Suicide – Okahao: On 03 September 2016 at 1900hrs at Okathiya village, Otamanzi Constituency, the body of David Rehabeam (64) was found hanging from a tree. There was no suicide note left behind. The next of kin is informed.

Regards

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