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## **MEDIA BRIEFING: WEEKEND SERIOUS CRIMES REPORT: 03 - 05 MARCH 2017**

Namibian Police Force - Public Relations Division

Anro Court Building

14H00

2017-03-05

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### **REPORTED INCIDENTS:**

<b>Murder</b>	- 1
<b>Culpable Homicide</b>	- 5
<b>Motor Vehicle Accident</b>	- 1
<b>Rape</b>	- 3
<b>Suicide</b>	- 1
<b>Water Incident</b>	- 1
<b>Drowning</b>	- 7 (8 dead)

### **OSHANA REGION**

**Inquest (Suicide) - Ondangwa:** On 03/03/2017 during morning hours at Oshoongela village; an Angolan national man identified as Sales Mwalundange Bonifasio 25 years of age was found hanging on shoelaces from the roof of his shack. He was a security guard at a local cuca shop. No suicide note was left behind and the next of kin is informed. Police investigation continues.

**Inquest (Drowning) - Oshakati:** On 03/03/2017 at Oshandja village, time not given; the body of Nuuyoma Johannes 41 years of age was found floating in a river at the village. The deceased who was reported missing on 28 February 2017, his body was discovered by cattle herders who were crossing the same river. The next of kin is informed and police investigation continues.

## **KUNENE REGION**

**Rape - Opuwo:** On 03/03/2017, a father (35) was arrested at Otuzemba location in Opuwo after he forcefully grabbed and pushed his seven years old girl and raped her in their home. It is alleged that the victim together with other siblings were left in the care of the father when he sent the other kids away to fetch water, remaining only with the victim. He then ordered her to sweep his room and while she was sweeping he grabbed her push her to the floor and raped her. The victim reported the incident to her mother and the matter was brought under the attention of the police. The suspect is expected to appear before Opuwo magistrate court on Monday, 06/03/2017. Police investigation continues.

**Culpable Homicide - Otjondeka:** On 04/03/2017 at 21:30 on the Werda/Omakange main road, it is alleged that the driver (35) of a Scania truck bumped and killed a pedestrian who was crossing the road. The deceased is not yet identified. No arrest is made yet and police investigation continues.

## **KARAS REGION**

**Rape - Keetmanshoop:** On 04/03/2017, a 28 year old man was arrested after it was discovered and reported to the police that he sexually abused his 11 years old cousin between January and 03 March 2017. The incident occurred in a house at Tseiblaagte location. The suspect is arrested and he will appear in the Keetmanshoop Court on Monday, 06/03/2017. Police investigation continues.

## **ZAMBEZI REGION**

**Culpable homicide / Reckless and or negligent driving - Kongola:** On 03/03/2017 at 21:00 on the Trans Caprivi High Way near Pipo village, Chetto area. It is alleged that the deceased, identified as Dingomba Mbasikora (65) was bumped and killed instantly by a truck driver. The next of kin is informed. It is suspected that the deceased was walking on or alongside the road when the incident occurred. A full two liter of traditional brew (tombo) was also found next to the deceased. The truck driver failed to stop to ascertain injuries. *The police is requesting the driver himself or anyone who have witnessed the incident to contact Deputy Commissioner Agas on 081 623 5574 or the nearest police station.*

## **OMAHEKE REGION**

**Culpable homicide/Reckless and or negligent driving/Failure to stop after accident/ Failure to render medical treatment to the injured - Witvlei :** On 04/03/2017 at unknown time on the Gobabis - Windhoek main road about 1 km before Witvlei from Windhoek direction. It is suspected that the deceased was either sleeping on the road or walking along the road when he was fatally run over by a vehicle, crushing his head. It is further suspected that the deceased was drunk because a container of traditional brew (tombo) was found next to his body. The body was discovered in the morning at 05:00 by a passer-by. The deceased is identified as Otto Skrywer 44 years old. The driver fled the scene and is not yet arrested. *The police is requesting the driver himself or anyone who have witnessed the incident to contact Deputy Commissioner Kalimbula on 0811246131 or the nearest police station.*

### **ERONGO REGION**

**Culpable homicide and driving without driver's license - Khorixas:** On 04/03/2017 at 12:00hrs, it is alleged that a 16 years old boy drove his father's vehicle without consent to Khorixas town with his two friends. While on the gravel road between Braunfels and Khorixas he allegedly attempted to avoid water on the road when he lost control over the vehicle causing it to overturn. As a result one passenger died instantly, identified as Armando !Aubeb 19 years old and a learner at Braunfels School. The next of kin of the deceased is informed. Another passenger, 18 years' old sustained minor injuries however was treated at Khorixas State Hospital and discharged. The driver escaped unhurt and is not yet arrested, police investigation continues.

**Inquest (Drowning) - Omaruru:** It is alleged that a 17 year old grade 12 learner at Simson Immanuel Secondary School, was crossing the Omaruru river in the company of his girlfriend. However, while crossing they were swept away by the water and drowned. The girl managed to hold on to a tree branch and survived with only leg injuries. The body of the boy is not yet retrieved and efforts to trace him are underway. Police investigation continues.

**Water Incident (POLICE SUCCESS) - Uis:** On 04/03/2017 the police a report about an Austrian couple, tourists (43 and 42 years old) who were trying to cross the river by vehicle when a strong wave swept away their vehicle on 03/03/2017 during night hours. The tourists allegedly managed to escape from the vehicle, swam and hold on to a tree which is in the middle of the river. At 16:30 Namibian Police Force Airwing and Special Reserve Force members came to their rescue and airlifted the tourists who were free from injuries. Their

vehicle is still stuck in the river; however some of their belongings were removed including their passports. Police investigation continues.

### **KHOMAS REGION**

**Culpable Homicide - Wanaheda:** On 04/03/2017 at 16:00 on the Western Bypass near Brakwater; it is alleged that the driver of a Toyota Hatchback lost control over the vehicle after a tyre burst and overturned. Two passengers Sofia Mwaandingi (23) and lipumbu Rehto (25) died instantly. The driver and another passenger sustained slight injuries and are reported to be in a stable condition. The next of kin is informed. Police investigation continues.

### **OSHIKOTO REGION**

**Rape and abduction - Tsintsabis:** Between December 2016 and 03 March 2017 at Oerwoud farm in Tsintsabis District. It is alleged that the suspect on separate occasions unlawfully and intentionally took a minor from her parental home with the intention of having sexually intercourse with her. The victim is a 14 years old girl and she was taken to Lombard State hospital for medical examination. The suspect 23 years old is arrested and will appear in Tsumeb Magistrate Court on Monday 06.03.2017. Police investigation continues.

**Inquest (Drowning) - Onayena:** On 04/03/2017 at 14:00 at Omundangilo village, it is alleged that the body of a 30 years old man, identified as Thomas Nelenge was found drowned in a water pond by a 16 year old boy. The deceased was reported missing on 02/03/2017 at 21:30. The postmortem will be conducted to determine the real cause of death. Next of kin is informed and police investigation continues.

### **OHANGWENA REGION**

**Inquest (Drowning) - Omungwelope:** On 04/03/2017 at 14:00 at Okambebe village; the body of Timoteus Fikameni Teyes 24 years old was found drowned in the water pond by by-passers. The next of kin is informed. Police investigation continues.

### **HARDAP REGION**

**Inquest (Drowning) - Kalkrand:** On 04/03/2017 at 17:00 at farm Zim Narib, 60km south west of Kalkrand; it is alleged that a woman with her two employees and a dog drove to a nearby fish river to go fishing. While fishing, the dog allegedly jumped into the water and was about to drown when the woman jumped into the water to rescue her dog. She however struggled to

get out prompting one of the employees to jump into the water, to their rescue; they equally struggled to get out and drowned. The second employee also jumped into the water to rescue them but to no avail. He then got into the vehicle and drove back to the farm and alerted the Farm owner (husband to the deceased). When they returned to the area they only managed to retrieve the body of the woman, who is identified as Cecelia Margaretha Alberts 52 years old. Efforts to retrieve the body of the worker are still underway. Police investigation continues.

**Inquest (Drowning) - Mariental:** On 04/03/2017 at 14:30 at Fish River behind Date farm, it is alleged that a boy identified as Danielson Dino Gariseb, 14 years old went swimming at fish river together with five other boys. He was allegedly swept away and his body was only found today 05/03/2017 in the morning. Police investigation continues.

**Inquest (Accident) - Klein Aub:** On 04/03/2017 at 15:00 on the C14 road near farm Nabasib; it is alleged that the driver of a Mazda Tracer was travelling alone when he lost control over his vehicle causing it to overturn. He was rushed to the Maltahohe State Hospital however succumbed to injuries on the way. He is identified as Patrick Groenewaldt 36 years old. The next of kin is informed and police investigation continues.

#### **OMUSATI REGION**

**Inquest (Drowning) - Okahao:** On 04/03/2017 at 11:00 at lilambo village, Okahao Constituency, Simon Petrus Embula, 4 year old boy died in a bucket of water. The deceased was allegedly left playing with other children in the house while the parents were busy in the mahangu field. The next of kin were informed.

#### **KAVANGO EAST**

**Mukwe - Murder (domestic violence act):** On 02/03/2017 at 14h00 at Shamahembe village; it is alleged that a couple (traditionally married) were quarrelling about money when the suspect took an axe and chopped her husband on the neck causing severe injuries and to which the victim ultimately succumbed. The deceased is identified as Thomas Shiyave Kamwanga, 52 years old. The suspect 46 years old fled the scene but was however arrested on 03/03/2017. She is expected to appear in the Rundu Court on Monday. Police investigation continues.

Kind Regards

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