

# Speak up against WILDLIFE CRIME!



THE NEXT DAY ...

Hey mister, I want to talk business with you.



I have lots of money. I want rhino horns. Show me where the rhinos are. I'll give you N\$500.

I could do with N\$500.





Hide this! I hear there is a police blockade up the road. We will get it from you later.



LATER THAT AFTERNOON ...

Hey Konjeni, I will give you N\$50 if you hide this for me.

Okay bro.



The next day at school, Miss Selma Kuvare introduces the advocacy team from the Legal Assistance Centre to the school.



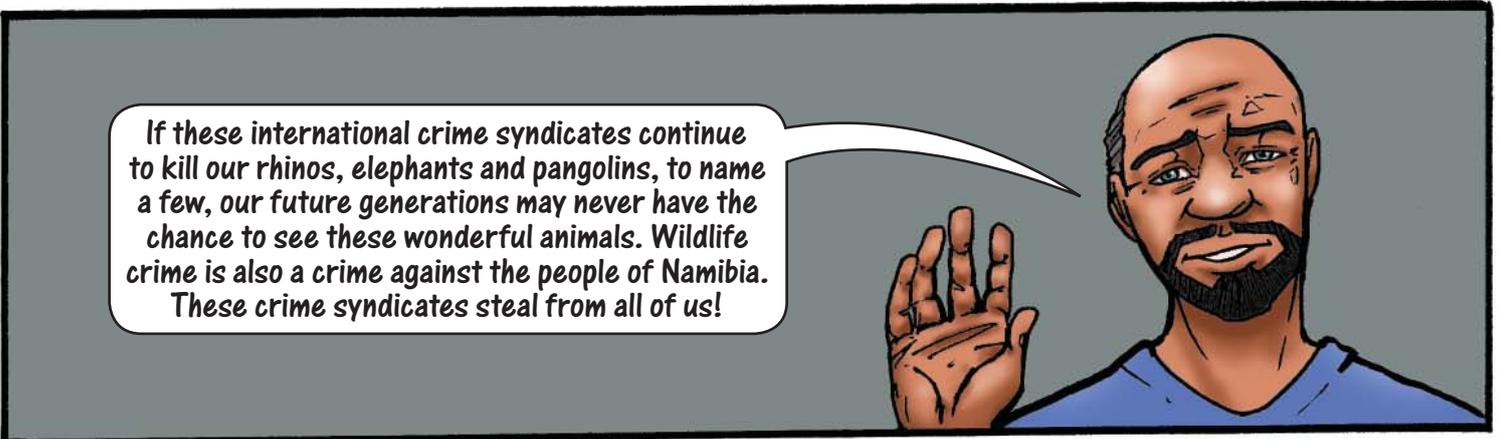
Good morning everyone! ...

HELLO!

Hi everyone!  
We are from the Legal Assistance Centre, and today we want to talk to you about wildlife crime and the law.



Wildlife crime is one of the world's main criminal activities – placed together with drugs, arms and human trafficking. International crime syndicates running these activities are lining their pockets with billions of dollars, while they slaughter animals at rates never seen before, threaten lives and impact on global security. These criminals are operating in Namibia too!



If these international crime syndicates continue to kill our rhinos, elephants and pangolins, to name a few, our future generations may never have the chance to see these wonderful animals. Wildlife crime is also a crime against the people of Namibia. These crime syndicates steal from all of us!



Even if you are asked to hide wildlife products for someone, don't do it! It is illegal to possess a wildlife product without permission – you can go to jail. If you are asked to do this, talk to the Police or a person you trust, such as your teacher.



Miss Kuvare, I have done something really terrible. I hope I can make it right.



Konjeni, you are doing the right thing by reporting this crime to the Police. You are a courageous young man.



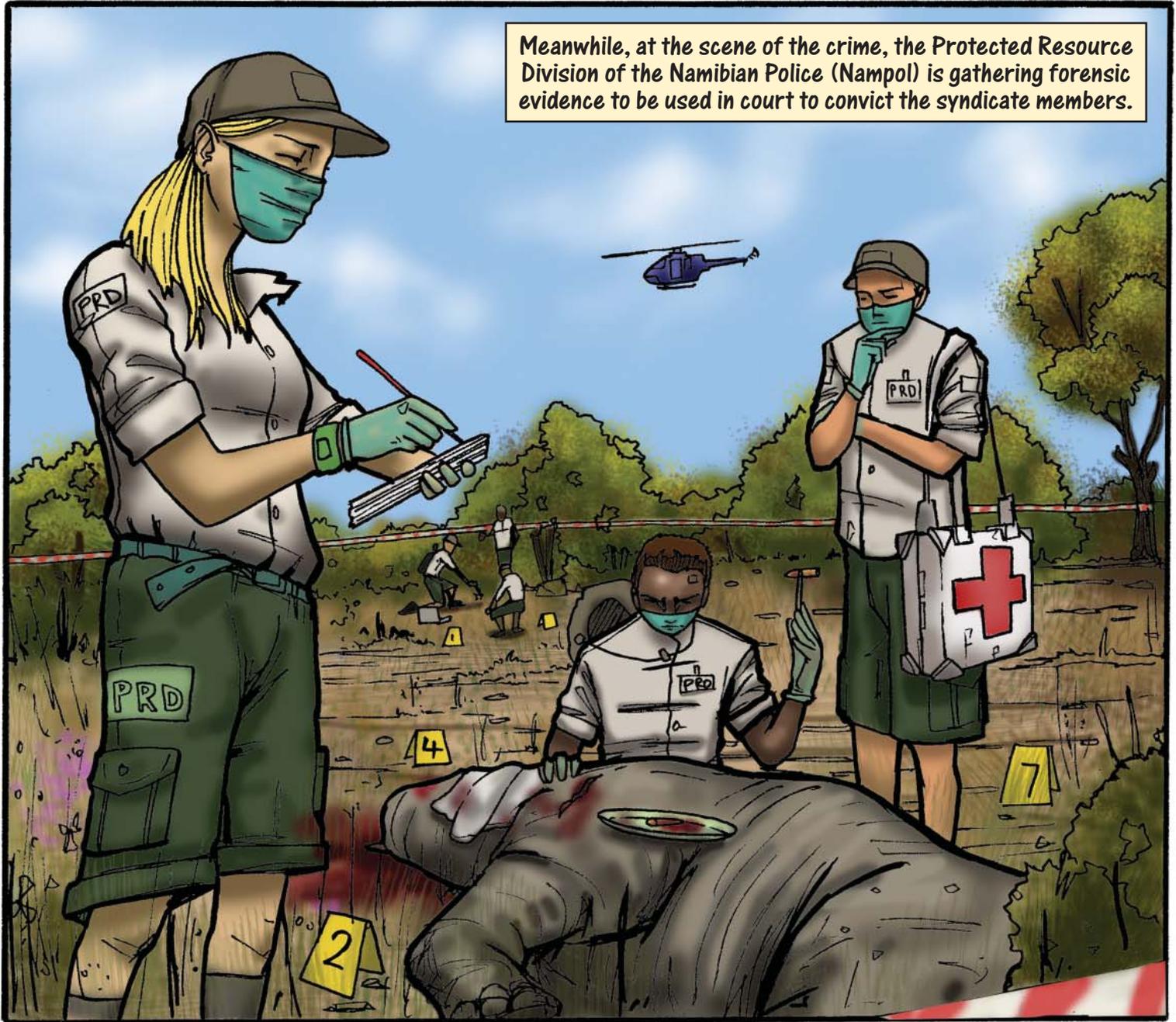
Konjeni makes a confession to Sergeant Maria Amadilha at the Police charge office.



Thank you Konjeni! Your confession will be kept secret. It will also help the Police to arrest the criminals and bring them to a court of law so they can face justice.



Meanwhile, at the scene of the crime, the Protected Resource Division of the Namibian Police (Nampol) is gathering forensic evidence to be used in court to convict the syndicate members.

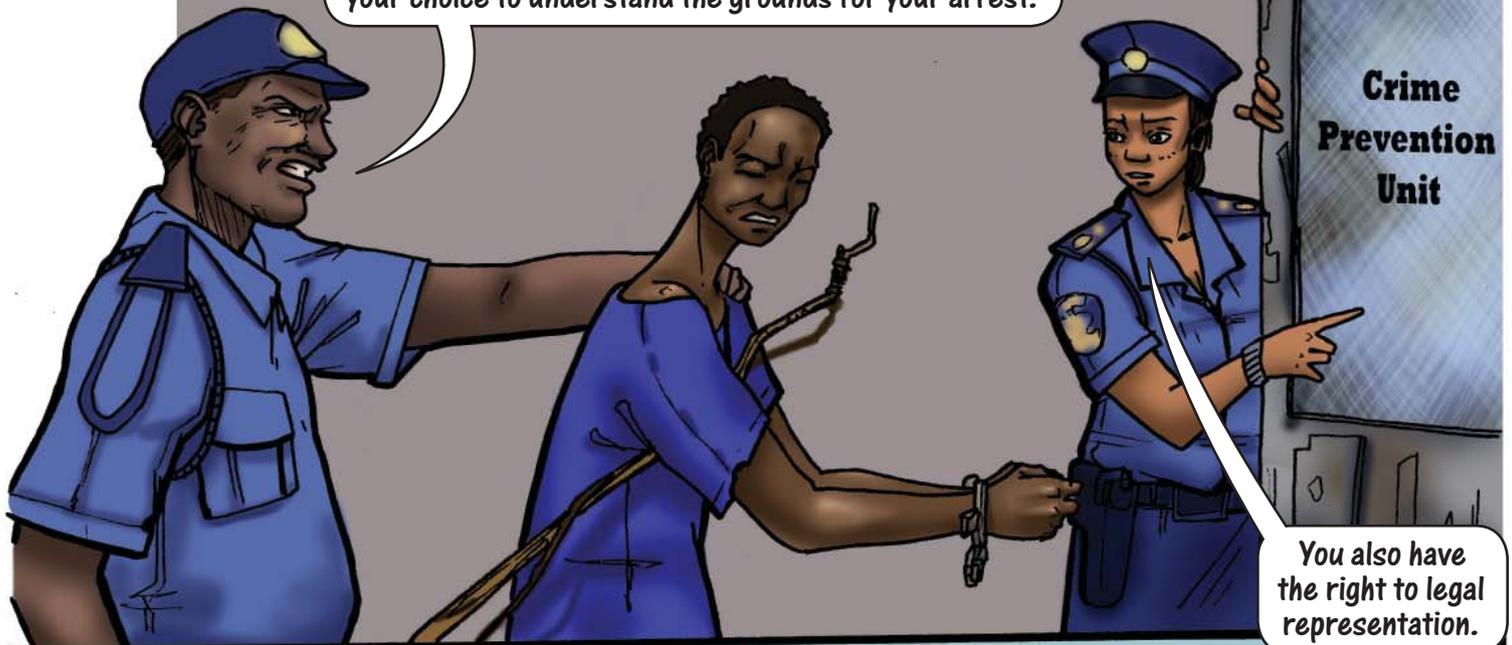


A FEW DAYS LATER ...

Mr Christopher Kiaka,  
we are placing you under  
arrest for assisting in  
committing a crime.



You have the right to be informed in a language of  
your choice to understand the grounds for your arrest.



You also have  
the right to legal  
representation.

And you have the right to remain silent.



I know my rights. I want to cooperate and make a confession.

A FEW WEEKS LATER ...

My Lord, the evidence against the offenders is clear. Wildlife crime is costing the Namibian economy millions and millions of dollars in lost revenue and increased security expenses every year. But what is worse, if these crimes are to continue, our future generations may never see these magnificent creatures in nature again. I would like to plead to the honourable Court that the highest possible punishment is given in this case.

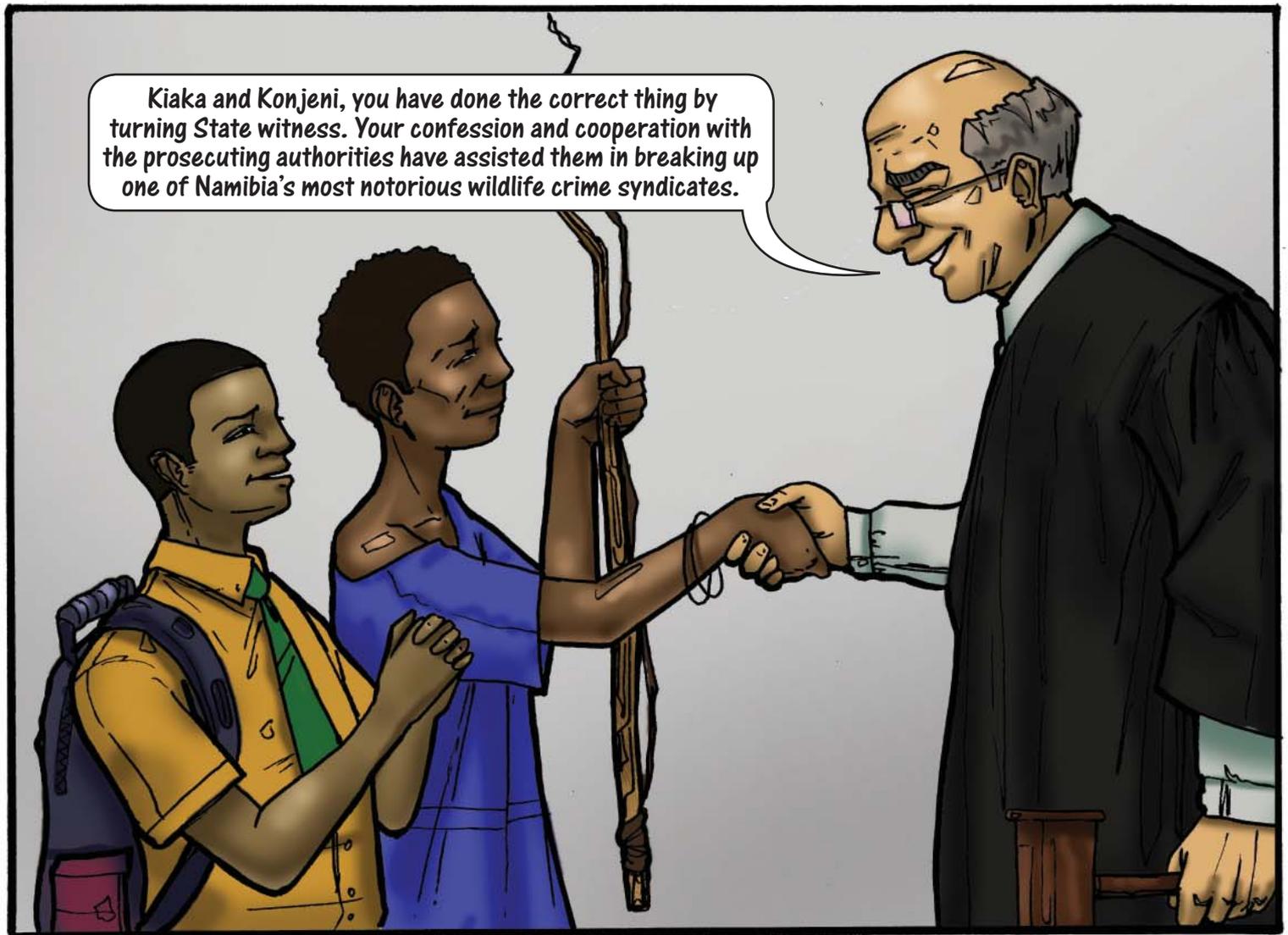


Having heard the State's evidence in aggravation before sentencing, I hereby have no choice but to sentence the three accused to the maximum sentence possible: 25 years in jail, plus a fine of N\$ 25 000 000 each.





Kiaka and Konjeni, you have done the correct thing by turning State witness. Your confession and cooperation with the prosecuting authorities have assisted them in breaking up one of Namibia's most notorious wildlife crime syndicates.





## WILDLIFE CRIME STEALS FROM ALL NAMIBIANS.

**Become part of the solution, not the problem.**

Cooperate with the authorities in fighting wildlife crime.

Contact the Police when you see any suspicious activities.

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