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Our Ref.: Media Statement: CENTLEC Employee Arrested for Alleged Theft and Unlawful Disposal Of CENTLEC Property.	**Your Ref.:**

MEDIA STATEMENT: CENTLEC EMPLOYEE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED THEFT AND UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF CENTLEC PROPERTY.

A 53-year-old CENTLEC employee has been arrested by the South African Police Services for allegedly stealing and selling electrical equipment at one of the scrap metal shops in Bloemfontein.

On Thursday, 16 April 2026, at approximately 08:30, SAPS received an anonymous tip-off from one of the community members alleging that a CENTLEC employee is involved in the theft and sale of electricity equipment at Gemia Scrap Metal shop located at No. 35 Watkey Street, Oranjesig, Bloemfontein.

Subsequent investigations established that on 14 April 2026, the accused visited scrap metal shop where he sold electrical equipment worth more than R70 000 for an amount of R690.00. During the transaction, he presented his identity document as part of the sale process.

CENTLEC team were summoned to the scene and the equipment was positively identified as the property of the company. The suspect is currently detained at Park Road Police Station and is expected to appear before the Bloemfontein Magistrate Court on the 17 of April 2026 for bail application.

Internal disciplinary processes have already been initiated to address the malfeasance and to combat further rampant theft and vandalism of essential public infrastructure.

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We commend the community for their vigilance and corporation in our fight against theft and vandalism of essential infrastructure. The arrest of the suspect aligns with CENTLECs' zero-tolerance approach towards illegal activities.

We urge community of Mangaung to report any suspicious activities related to theft and vandalism of electricity infrastructure, to the South African Police Services (SAPS) or send an anonymous tip offs to CENTLEC Security Services at 051 409 2239 or WhatsApp: 069 726 0827.

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