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Our Ref. Media Statement-Four Suspects Arrested Following Recovery Of Centlec Electrical Equipment.	**Your Ref.:**

MEDIA STATEMENT: FOUR SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOLLOWING RECOVERY OF CENTLEC ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

For Immediate Release.

Four suspects have been arrested following the recovery of electrical infrastructure with an estimated value of R110,000 at CENTLEC (SOC) Ltd premises in Orangesig, Bloemfontein.

The arrests follow an incident on 18 August 2026 at approximately 12H03, when CENTLEC Security Guards received an anonymous tip-off regarding suspected stolen copper cables and meter boxes allegedly concealed in sports bags belonging to workers collecting refuse in the vicinity of the CENTLEC premises.

Security personnel intercepted a municipal waste collection truck as it was exiting the CENTLEC premises through the green gate. The occupants consented to a search in accordance with the applicable security procedures. During the search, security personnel recovered 48-meter boxes with keypads concealed inside four sports bags.

Additional electrical infrastructure, including copper cables, electrical fuses and Air Dek cables, was recovered from black refuse bags inside the truck.

Four male suspects were subsequently detained and handed over to the South African Police Service for further investigation.

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Further investigations are ongoing and the suspects are expected to appear before the Bloemfontein Magistrate Court within 48 hours facing charges related to theft and tampering with Essential Infrastructure.

CENTLEC commends its security personnel and investigators for their cooperation in safeguarding critical electrical infrastructure and protecting its assets.

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