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Our Ref. Second Truck Loaded with Stolen Electricity Cables and Components Intercepted on the N1 Towards Johannesburg	**Your Ref.:**

SECOND TRUCK LOADED WITH STOLEN ELECTRICITY CABLES AND COMPONENTS INTERCEPTED ON THE N1 TOWARDS JOHANNESBURG.

CENTLEC welcomes the arrest of a 43-year-old truck driver on Friday night, 24 July 2026, on the N1 highway while allegedly transporting stolen copper cables and other company property to Johannesburg.

The arrest followed an anonymous tip-off to the South African Police Service (SAPS) that suspected stolen copper cables were being transported by truck from Bloemfontein to Johannesburg.

The truck was escorted to Bainsvlei SAPS where several bags containing mixed copper cables, burbars and transformer components worth more than R350 000 were discovered on the truck. Further examination revealed that one of the bags contained items linked to Park Road CAS 115/06/2026, involving vandalism at the Fichardt Mini Substation in Bloemfontein. The investigation continues to determine the full extent of the recovered property and to identify any additional suspects involved.

This is the second reported incident involving a horse-and-trailer truck since 12 June 2026, when SAPS intercepted a truck transporting stolen cables to Johannesburg.

The suspect is currently under police custody and expected to appear before the Bloemfontein Magistrate Court on Monday, 27 July 2025, for bail application. He is

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facing charges relating to theft and vandalism of essential infrastructure in terms of the Criminal Matters Amendment Act 18 of 2015.

CENTLEC commends the South African Police Service (SAPS) for their dedicated efforts in combating the theft and vandalism of critical electricity infrastructure within our operational areas.

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