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TIP OFF LEADS TO SUCCESSFUL ARREST OF COPPER CABLE THIEF.

CENTLEC welcomes the arrest of the copper cable thief following a tip off from one of the community members.

On the 11th of September 2024, the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), commonly known as the Hawks, received a tip off information from one of the community members about a pending theft and corruption by one of CENTLEC employees. The Hawks, South Africa's elite crime-fighting force, then set up a sting operation for the alleged corruption, possession, theft and vandalism of valuable infrastructure which led to one of our own employees being arrested.

Mr. Kenneth Kgogo, a CENTLEC employee, allegedly approached the customer who visited CENTLEC offices to apply for the three phase meter connection and offer to sell him an electricity copper cable. The consumer allegedly informed his wife, who is also the Hawks member about the pending sale and theft. Mr. Kgogo allegedly delivered the stolen and fraudulently acquired copper cable at the consumers' premises in Langenhovenpark in his private vehicle.

Mr Kgokgo further demanded the R 12 000 in cash from the consumer for the cable of which the consumer paid. Kgokgo was arrested and he is currently being detained at Parkroad police station. He is facing charges relating to the distraction of essential infrastructure, theft and corruption. He is expected to appear before the Bloemfontein Magistrate Court on the 16th of September 2024.

As CENTLEC, we appreciate and commend the swift response by the police which led to a successful arrest of the alleged copper cable thief.

We would also like to thank the community of Mangaung for their corporation and contribution in the fight against crime and urge them to report any suspicious illegal

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activities in their areas to the nearest police station or contact our Fraud Hot Line at 051 412 2239 or WhatsApp: 069 726 0827 or email: fraudandcorruption@centlec.co.za

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