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Our Ref.: Three (3) Suspects Severely Electrocuted while attempting to vandalize critical electricity infrastructure	Your Ref.:

MEDIA STATEMENT: THREE (3) SUSPECTS ELECTROCUTED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO VANDALISE CRITICAL ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE.

CENTLEC (SOC) Ltd can confirm that three (3) suspected criminals have been severely electrocuted while attempting to steal from and vandalize critical electrical infrastructure in the Bloemfontein Central Business District on the 15th of October 2023.

The South African Police Services, Emergency Medical Services and CENTLEC Security were alerted and called to the scene after an explosion which led to these suspects getting electrocuted.

All three (3) suspects were treated at the scene and later taken to Pelonomi Hospital for further treatment. It is alleged that the vandalized cable was still live when suspects attempted to cut it.

A case of malicious damage to critical infrastructure was opened at Parkroad police station and all suspects are still in hospital, under the watchful eye of the police.

In another incident, CENTLEC Security, the South African Police Services and other stakeholders intensified their efforts in eradicating cable and electricity theft, and vandalism of valuable infrastructure within Mangaung after they had conducted a routine search at various scrap metal shops in East End.

One suspect was arrested for possession of stolen copper cable. As CENTLEC (SOC) Ltd, we continue to heighten security in hot spot areas across our area of supply to avoid unnecessary and prolonged power outages. We would like to warn the community of Mangaung that tampering with electricity infrastructure is not only illegal but can also lead to loss of life and deadly consequences.

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