

MEDIA STATEMENT

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ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE VANDALISM HAMPERS SERVICE DELIVERY

Polokwane Municipality is experiencing organized criminal activity that involves theft and vandalism of its electrical infrastructure including street lights and cables.

In the latest incident that happened last night, street lights in Ladanna area have been vandalized and wires stolen on a large scale. This incident and others come at the time when the municipality is busy implementing measures to deal with street lights repairs as a result of the maintenance backlog.

Vandalism of service infrastructure is hampering the municipality's efforts of providing quality services. Theft and vandalism of service infrastructure also impact negatively on normal lives of the communities and their safety and security. This financial year alone, the municipality has suffered approximately R2 million as a result of vandalism of electricity infrastructure.

The municipality is working closely with the police and community policing forums to be alert to this latest criminal activity.

The public is urged to be protective over their service infrastructure in an effort to curb the ongoing vandalism and theft of infrastructure by reporting any suspicious activity on their service infrastructure to Polokwane Municipality's Law Enforcement services at 015 023 5484 or to the police.

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