

# Suspected thieves arrested guarding cut bundle of copper



Suspected thieves were arrested while guarding a bundle of cut overhead copper in Kroonstad on Wednesday, 13 April 2022.

A team of Kroonstad SAPS Crime Prevention Unit members led by WO Charles Molefi started their day after morning parade with information that there are people at the taxi rank who need to hire a motor vehicle for transportation of copper. They rushed to the Long Distance Taxi rank near the Transnet Railway Station.

## Weight of the confiscated cable was found to be 366 kg of Contact Cable

A man suspected to be the one in need of transport, was found and questioned. He immediately took the members to the crime scene at the silos behind the Railway Station.

On arrival at the silos, three men sitting next to a bundle of copper cables seemingly guarding it were pounced. The trio including their peer were arrested for possession of suspected stolen property. While searching them two okapi knives and a hacksaw were found. Weight of the confiscated cable was found to be 366 kg of Contact Cable and 62 kg of Catenary cable with an estimated total street value of about R90 110. 89. The cut overhead pieces of copper is suspected to be the property of Transnet.

The four suspects aged between 25 and 35, all illegal immigrants from Lesotho will be charged for possession of suspected stolen property and an additional charge under Immigration Act. They are expected to appear at Kroonstad Magistrate's Court soon.

## SUSPECTS WANTED FOR BUSINESS ROBBERY COMMITTED AT BOULEVARD MALL

The Sasolburg SAPS Detectives appeal to members of the community to assist with information regarding tracing and arrest of the three suspects on the run after committing a business robbery at a shop in Boulevard Mall.

It is alleged that on Tuesday 19 April 2022 around 09h10 three (3) male suspects entered the pizza shop at Boulevard mall. Upon entering the shop, two males took out their firearms, one went behind the counter and pointed one employee with a firearm instructing him to put his hands on the head. The two other suspects then requested for the safe keys and took money from the safe.

All three (3) suspects fled off with undisclosed amount of cash, a laptop, 3 cellphones and a wallet of the employee containing his bank cards and R1 200.00 cash he had in his possession. A case of business robbery has been registered for further investigation.

Anyone with information that might assist to trace the suspects should please contact WO Cornel Engelbrecht of Sasolburg SAPS Detective Service at 071 331 1877, or call Crime Stop at 08600 10111, alternatively send information via MySAPS App.



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