

MEDIA STATEMENT

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CABLE THIEF NABBED WITH TWO OTHERS STEALING CABLES AT FRERE HOSPITAL COLLAPSES AND DIES.

BHISHO - The Eastern Cape Department of Health (ECDoH) can confirm that a suspected cable thief who was apprehended with two others has died after he allegedly stole copper cables at Frere Hospital in East London.

The deceased man whom the department can not identify with his fellow two (2) accused were handed over to Police following theft of copper cables at Frere Hospital on Wednesday.

It is alleged that the suspect collapsed and died when he was being apprehended. The matter is now under police for further investi into the alleged theft and death.

On Monday, Frere Hospital staff arrived at work with some copper cable pipes stolen between John Tremble Hall and Nerina house.

Again on last night, they came back to allegedly steal more cables, but this time, they were detected by hospital security guards and called for backup to search the back of G block.

The suspects were apprehended by the gaurds who called the police. When they started questioning them, one collapsed and was declared dead on arrival in a casualty ward.

The two other suspects have been taken into custody, and an inquest docket has been opened.

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