



COMMUNITY OF OKOMUMBONDE THWARTS NETWORK VANDALS

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11 June 2026 – Windhoek - MTC has praised the residents of Okomumbonde for their swift action and vigilance after they helped trace and apprehend a suspect linked to the vandalism of a network site in their community early this week.

The residents of Okomumbonde in the Otjinene Constituency discovered that an MTC network site in their area had been vandalised and equipment stolen, allegedly for sale as scrap metal.

In response, five community members organised themselves into a search party and followed the suspects' footprints for nearly 28 kilometres until they located the hideout.

The community members immediately alerted the Namibian Police, who responded promptly and effected an arrest.

Tim Ekandjo, MTC's Chief Brand, Marketing, Communications, and Sustainability Officer, said incidents of theft, vandalism, and tampering with infrastructure cause significant inconvenience and costly setbacks. "In some cases, these criminal acts disrupt service delivery to entire communities. While this infrastructure belongs to MTC, it ultimately exists to serve the public by keeping communities connected," he said.

He further urged communities across the country to protect telecommunications infrastructure and praised the residents of Okomumbonde for setting a strong example of community policing in action. "We commend the residents of Okomumbonde, community-based crime prevention organisations, community policing forums, and security companies for remaining vigilant in the fight against theft and vandalism of MTC assets," he said.

MTC is calling on all communities to help safeguard network infrastructure, which is critical to communication, emergency response, business continuity, and daily life. Acts of vandalism and theft do not only damage company property; they also disrupt essential services relied upon by entire communities.

MTC extends its sincere appreciation to the residents of Okomumbonde, whose vigilance and cooperation played a critical role in tracking down the suspect. Their actions demonstrate the

power of community policing and serve as a reminder that protecting critical infrastructure is a shared responsibility.

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