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PUBLIC'S HELP NEEDED WITH STOLEN CONDUCTORS

The Guam Power Authority needs the public's help with the recent rash of stolen conductor incidents over the past month – a total of four separate incidents have been reported the Guam Police Department of stolen conductors in the areas of Harmon Cliff Line and Lada Estates Subdivision in Dededo and within the Marbo Substation in Yigo. A total of approximately 8,000 feet of copper wire in various sizes were stolen.

“The theft of copper wire cost every ratepayer on Guam thousands of dollars – not just the replacement of the material, but also manpower, revenue and equipment costs,” stated GPA General Manager Joaquin C. Flores, P.E., “We need the help of the community to catch all those involved – including those that continue to receive stolen materials and profit from it.”

Last year, Public Law 28-8 sponsored by Vice Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown required all businesses involved with the purchase of scrap metal, particularly copper wire, to maintain a log tracking name, date and identification of seller for the availability of law enforcement investigation. Furthermore, violation of the law for first time offenders is a misdemeanor and subsequent violations will be categorized as a third degree felony.

“In two cases, wires were cut mid span which left part of the wire hanging off the pole that could potentially harm those that may come in contact with it,” remarked Flores, “These thieves are not only greedy, but they are inconsiderate of those whom may get hurt or even be killed by their reckless regard to the public – we need to stop them now before someone gets hurt.”

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