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MEDIA STATEMENT
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SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CONDEMNS ACTS OF SABOTAGE ON WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

This morning, eight armed men intruded premises wherein the pump station and reservoir of the Sekhukhune District Municipality are located, in Mamphogo Village.

The pump station and the reservoir supply residents of Mamphogo, Dikgalaopeng, Moganyaka, Moeding, Puleng A & B and Manapyane villages with water.

Their intrusion triggered armed response alarm, and security personnel responded in no time.

As the intruders fled, they fired shots at the security personnel.

Luckily, the security personnel sustained no injuries.

It's not clear what the motive for the intrusion was, but the municipality is not ruling out possibility that these rogues either wanted to vandalise or steal municipal infrastructure and equipment.

A formal complaint was laid with the South African Police Services who are now investigating a case of tempering with essential infrastructure.

The Sekhukhune District Municipality condemns these criminal acts which it believes are tantamount to sabotage.

The municipality urges members of the public who may have information that could lead to the arrest and successful prosecution of these criminals to contact the police.

Members of the public are also encouraged to keep an eye on the water infrastructure and report any suspicious incidents to the SAPS on 10111, or through the district municipality's toll free call centre number: 0800 33 00 22.

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