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Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers seeks ANONYMOUS tips on increasing number of copper wire thefts that are costly to BC Hydro, dangerous and can even be lethal

Vancouver, B.C. (December 12, 2025): Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers and BC Hydro are joining with police in seeking information leading to the arrest of thieves who are cutting and stealing underground BC Hydro copper cables which carry electricity between circuits and substations.

Anyone with information on who's stealing them or trying to sell the copper from these cables is urged to call Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers immediately and ANONYMOUSLY. You will never be identified, and police will use only the information you provide to investigate these thefts. You can call 24/7 and give your tip in any one of 115 languages.

Since January of 2024, BC Hydro reports 24 cases of large-scale copper theft and mischief provincewide.

BC Hydro says these suspects are sophisticated. They remove maintenance hole covers, cut the cables in 200 metre stretches, drag it out with a winch or a vehicle and take it away. Although the crooks make money selling the stolen copper to metal dealers, BC Hydro says its repair costs to date to fix the damage are estimated at \$1.2 million.

"Worst of all, it endangers the safety of just about everyone," says Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. "The wires may well be live as they're being cut, endangering the thieves themselves, as well as anyone who happens to find live wires left behind after the theft. The crime also endangers the crews who now have to fix the damage, and maintenance holes left uncovered by fleeing thieves present a falling hazard.

"If you spot a theft in action, or find damage left behind afterward, call the BC Hydro Security Command Centre at 1-877-311-8611. And if you have further information about who's behind these thefts, but don't want to be identified, call Crime Stoppers ANONYMOUSLY at 1-800-222-8477 with the information. The police will investigate and you will never be called to answer questions or testify."

About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that receives anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators.

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Anonymous tips may be provided through Crime Stoppers' downloadable "P3" smartphone app, calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, online at solvecrime.ca, or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers [Facebook page](#).

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages and will pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest, a charge, recovery of stolen property, seizure of illegal drugs or guns, or denial of a fraudulent insurance claim. Find MVCS on X: [@solvecrime](#), Instagram: [metrovancovercrimestoppers](#) and You Tube: [@metrovancovercrimestoppers](#).

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