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**CenturyLink and Crime Stoppers establish reward of up to \$1,000 for information directly leading to the arrest of anyone stealing the company's copper cable**

*Cable theft threatens the entire community*

**Albuquerque, New Mexico** – [CenturyLink, Inc.](#) (NYSE: CTL) and Crime Stoppers want copper cable thieves brought to justice and are offering a reward up to \$1,000 to help accomplish this. New Mexico citizens can claim the reward by reporting information that directly leads to the arrest of anyone stealing the company's cable, primarily copper cable.

“Stealing cable puts entire communities at risk,” said Valerie Dodd, vice president and general manager for CenturyLink. “Imagine having a loved one suddenly in need of emergency medical assistance, only to find 911 services don't work because someone just cut the cable to steal the copper. This is a crime that impacts everyone.”

Officials believe that the copper is taken to recycling centers where it is sold as scrap. To date this year, CenturyLink has incurred over 100 instances of cable theft in New Mexico alone. The corresponding damage to facilities has caused potentially dangerous disruptions for customers and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair. Stealing copper cable doesn't come without risk. Aside from the potential for arrest, there have been dozens of reports nationwide of copper thieves being electrocuted while attempting to steal copper cable from power companies.

Anyone who has information regarding the theft of copper cable is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 505-843-STOP. People can also call 911 if they see a cable theft in progress. Make your community a safer place to live, work and play. Crime Stoppers will accept donations at <http://www.crimestoppersnm.org/donations/>

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