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Wrong Move Again: City of Tshwane's Failed Power Disconnection Attempt Kgosi Mampuru II Correctional

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) is once again perplexed by the conduct of the City of Tshwane following an attempted electricity disconnection at Kgosi Mampuru II Correctional Centre, which was based on an incorrect account statement.

It is not only disturbing but deeply humiliating that the Executive Mayor of the City of Tshwane once again chose to make public pronouncements via social media, alleging that electricity would be disconnected at a correctional facility, without ensuring that the facts were verified. City officials arrived at Kgosi Mampuru II Correctional Centre armed with an incorrect account statement and were subsequently embarrassed when the error was identified and pointed out to them by Correctional Services managers.

This incident clearly demonstrates a lack of due diligence and basic verification before drastic action is taken and published on social media. The apparent eagerness to disconnect electricity, particularly at a critical national facility such as a correctional centre, without confirming the accuracy of billing information raises serious questions about the City's administrative processes and intentions.

No electricity disconnection took place, and City of Tshwane officials were compelled to withdraw after acknowledging their error. It is therefore expected that the Executive Mayor will display the same enthusiasm in publicly correcting the misinformation, admitting that the City's facts were wrong, and offering a humble apology to the Department of Correctional Services and the public at large.

The continued fixation on the Department of Correctional Services by the City of Tshwane, particularly on incorrect grounds, creates the impression of a deliberate attempt to discredit the Department. It has become increasingly apparent that the Department of Correctional Services is being singled out and treated as a primary target by the Mayor of Tshwane. If the invocation of the Department's name is considered politically or publicly expedient, then such actions must, at the very least, be grounded in verified facts and exercised with the requisite level of responsibility and due diligence.

Correctional facilities are critical state institutions responsible for public safety and national security. They should not be subjected to reckless public statements or administrative missteps that undermine their operations and credibility.

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