

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

# On the way to fulfil her dream

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**K**hayelitsha resident, Amanda George may be new to law enforcement, but she is determined to set the record when it comes to fighting crime.

This City of Cape Town Law Enforcement Agency officer has recently led two arrests within the precinct of the Cape Town central police. One incident was at the Company Gardens on Friday 9 August while a more recent one was the arrest of a cable theft suspect near

the New Somerset hospital on Monday 19 August.

The agency was respond-

ing to complaints about vagrancy and criminal elements in the area when she identified a hidden piece of cable.

“I questioned the suspect and after giving me a run-around he admitted it belonged to him and we called the police who came to investigate and make the arrest,” says George.

She says cable theft is a serious issue in their precinct and could not be taken lightly as it results in serious negative impact.

It was her childhood dream to work in law enforcement.

“I wanted to be a police officer, but odds were against me, I took a detour in life and joined the agency through an expanded public works programme in 2015 as a law-learner, I never looked back and I am proud I took the opportu-

nity,” George says.

She says though women have broken the stigma in the industry over the years, she realises that they are still not taken seriously.

George says women have to work twice as hard as the men and have to physically prove themselves to be taken seriously, “especially by suspects”.

“They will underestimate you, assuming you will not be able to execute an arrest on your own. I want to be one of the women that leave a mark and change these kinds of mindsets,” George says.

The arrest was confirmed by Ezra October, spokesperson for Cape Town central police.

He also acknowledged the issue of cable theft in the area.



Teamwork is all that it takes for these law enforcement officers to ensure safety of the community they serve. Amanda George (right) says her colleagues (from left) Lindiwe Magugu and Chuma Mpengesi make the job easy and fun.