

## **An enterprise from Cádiz develops a system to avoid cable theft**

LOCATION: Chiclana (Cádiz)

DURATION: 1:17

**SUMMARY:** The enterprise in charge of the public street lighting of Chiclana de la Frontera, in the Andalusian province of Cádiz, has developed a system that detects when cables are being manipulated to alert the police through a sms. This text message would include the location of where the theft is being produced. This measure is the result of the continuous power cuts suffered by the neighbours of this town. Since this system was installed, the number of thefts has been almost reduced to zero.

**VTR:**

The neighbours of Chiclana de la Frontera, in the Andalusian province of Cádiz, have suffered for months continuous power cuts in their streets, the responsible were cable thieves who looked for the cooper these cables are made of.

*"With a frequency of 15 days."*

**NEIGHBOURS**

*"The power was cut for a week and a half or so."*

*"We had no lighting for more than two months."*

Appart from the inconvenience, this caused a high costs for the City Council.

**SUSANA MORENO**  
City Council of Chiclana

*"In 2012 we reached 150.000 euros."*

That's why the enterprise in charge of the public lighting, Moneleg, created an innovating system installed in the street lamps that detects when cables have been cut. If the alarm is triggered, the police receives a sms with a warning.

**FRANCISCO GUERRERO**  
Manager of Moneleg

*"Approximately 3 or 4 minutes after the cable is manipulated an alert arrives to the police."*

And since this system was installed in February of 2013, the result has been a huge decline in the number of robberies.

**SUSANA MORENO**  
City Council of Chiclana

*"The first month we had a robbery every day and it dropped to the 40%, on alternate days, and in the last month we have only had one robbery."*

A success that has aroused the interest of other City Councils in this system.

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