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Rio Claro Couple Charged for Allegedly Sexually Assaulting Girl, 13

A Rio Claro couple appeared virtually before the Rio Claro Magistrates' Court today, jointly charged with two counts of Sexual Penetration of a 13-year-old girl.

The accused, a 23-year-old woman and a 49-year-old man, were charged yesterday by WPC Farrier, of the Rio Claro Criminal Investigations Department (CID), following a September 15th police report of the alleged acts.

The woman, a house cleaner, was granted \$500,00 bail while the man, a contractor, was denied bail by Magistrate Ava Vandenberg-Bailey.

They are expected to answer the charges on October 27th, 2023.

According to a police report, at 3.15 pm on September 15th, 2023, the girl was asleep at the home of the man and his girlfriend when she was allegedly awakened by them.

The girl told detectives that the couple allegedly sexually assaulted her.

The couple is alleged to have threatened to kill her if she reported the matter to anyone.

The girl, in company with her father, subsequently made a report to the Rio Claro Police Station.

The investigation, which also included WPC O'Connor under the supervision of Sgt Maharaj, culminated with the suspects being charged with the offences.

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