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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Woman Granted Bail for \$30,000 Fraudulent Conversion

A 37-year-old self-employed woman was granted bail with surety in the sum of \$30,000, when she appeared before a Magistrate yesterday to answer to three charges for **Fraudulent Conversion** totalling \$25,000.

The accused **CYDNI J DE FRANCE** is scheduled to reappear in court on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

According to police reports, three persons made payments to a bank account for the purpose of travel; two transferred \$6565 and one transfer of \$1120. The trips were rescheduled and no update was given on accommodations or air fare as promised and a request to obtain a refund have proven futile. However, to date one person received only part payment. Efforts to obtain the remaining balance proved futile.

WPC Brewster was assigned to conduct enquiries into these matters and on Friday 8th November, 2024 the suspect was charged for the offences:

- 1. Fraudulent Conversion in the sum of \$6,565.00
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- 3. Fraudulent Conversion in the sum of \$11,200.00

The Fraud Squad is advising vacationers and travellers to foreign destinations that Travel Agencies and Persons representing themselves to make bookings, should be assessed properly as to the legitimacy and capacity to provide a service before payments are made.

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