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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Man, 39, Held with Stolen Items Following Breaking at Church, Store in Sangre Grande

A 39-year-old suspect is currently detained by police in connection with two reports of Sacrilege and Shop Breaking and Larceny that allegedly occurred yesterday in the Sangre Grande district.

The suspect was arrested this morning by officers of the Sangre Grande Criminal Investigations Department (CID) who led enquiries into two reports in which several items were stolen from a church and a salon in the area.

All of the stolen items have also been recovered.

In the first report, at 7 am on November 24<sup>th</sup>, a woman returned to her Sangre Grande business place where she observed the main entrance burglar proof lock to be missing and the door to be opened.

Upon entering the establishment, she allegedly observed a number of shampoos, conditioners and hair gels and an assortment of weaves and eyelashes to be missing.

The owner, who had secured the location by locking all doors and windows at 8 pm on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, told police that she gave no one permission to enter and take or carry away any of the missing items.

In the second incident, at 7.45 am today, another woman returned to a church located in Sangre Grande where she observed the main entrance door lock tampered with and the door to be opened.

Upon entering the building, it was observed that two speaker boxers, two microphone systems, one musical mixing board, one vocal receptor and a gas tank were missing.

She also gave no one permission to enter the church or to carry away any of the missing items.

The incidents were reported to police who immediately responded and launched investigations which are being led by PCs Salickram.

Following further enquiries, CID detectives and officers attached to the Eastern Division Task Force executed a search warrant at the home of the 39-year-old suspect where they allegedly found and seized the items.

The man is expected to be charged soon in connection with the matters, pending additional investigations.

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