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MEDIA RELEASE

Businessman Charged With Fraud Offences Totalling Over \$226,000

A 28-year-old businessman appeared before Magistrate Indar Jagroo at the Port of Spain Magistrates' Court on Friday 3rd January 2025, after officers of the Fraud Squad charged him with several offences.

BRANDON BASDEO, owner of Basdeo Distribution of Siparia, was charged with six offences of Obtaining Property by Use of Dishonoured Cheques, amounting to \$226,088 namely:

1. Obtaining property by use of Dishonoured cheque in the sum of \$36,000.00;
2. Obtaining property by use of Dishonoured cheque in the sum of \$38,000.00;
3. Obtaining property by use of Dishonoured cheque in the sum of \$41,063.00;
4. Obtaining property by use of Dishonoured cheque in the sum of \$53,025.00;
5. Obtaining property by use of Dishonoured cheque in the sum of \$38,000.00 ; and
6. Obtaining property by use of Dishonoured cheque in the sum of \$20,000.00.

Basdeo was granted bail with surety in the sum of \$300,000, to cover all charges. The matter has been postponed to January 20th, 2025.

The charges stem from a report made to the Fraud Squad by a supervisor from a manufacturing company, indicating that during the period December 22nd, 2023, and January 18th, 2024, a man allegedly purchased goods totalling \$226,088, using six cheques, which were later dishonoured by a financial institution. Efforts to recover the funds proved unsuccessful.

An investigation was launched, and on Thursday 2nd January 2025, an operation was coordinated by senior officers of the Fraud Squad, leading to the arrest of a suspect who was subsequently charged.

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