

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Three Arrested, One in Custody for Various Offences by CPU Officers

Three persons are expected to appear before a Chaguanas and San Fernando Magistrate today, following arrests made in connection with various offences against children over the weekend.

Another person remains in police custody in the Tobago Division, pending charges.

In the first incident, officers of the Central Division Child Protection Unit (CPU) arrested a 43-year-old woman and her 44-year-old male companion on reports of sexual abuse against a female victim which spanned over an eight-month period.

The woman was slapped the following charges:

- 16 counts of causing or encouraging the seduction, prostitution or sexual penetration of a child
- Three counts of prevention of cruelty to children
- Four counts of failing to report abuse of a minor

Her companion was charged with the following:

• 23 counts of sexual penetration of a child

The duo was charged by PC Titus of the Central Division CPU and are to answer to the chargers before a Chaguanas Magistrate today.

In another incident, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 officers of the Southern Division CPU arrested a 75-year-old man for one count of kidnapping and one count of sexual touching of a 12-year-old female victim.

The charges were laid by WPC Hamilton of the Southern Division CPU.

Due to the closure of the Princes Town Magistrate Court, the accused will appear before a Rio Claro Magistrate today, to answer to the charges.

In another incident in the Tobago Division, CPU officers arrested a 28-year-old woman in connection to a report of physical abuse to a two-year-old boy.

The woman, who was intoxicated at the time of the arrest, remains in custody. Charges in this case are also imminent.

The arrests came following investigations spearheaded by W/ Supt. (Ag) George and ASP Nowbutt, supervised by Insps. (Ag) Boodoo and Francis.

## **Corporate Communications Unit**

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