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MEDIA RELEASE

Man, 20, Ordered to Pay Victim \$10K Following Theft in Valencia – Police Recover Stolen Items

A 20-year-old man, who was charged in connection with a June 8th report of Larceny in Valencia, was ordered to pay \$10,000 in compensation to a male victim by a Sangre Grande Magistrate this morning.

DARA SINGH, 20, of Race Course Road, Carapo, Arima, who pleaded guilty to the offence was also fined \$1,000 by Senior Magistrate Cheron Raphael.

SINGH was instructed to pay the monies within six months or serve six weeks' hard labour in default.

Meanwhile, **JOSHUA ASH, 24, also of Race Course Road, Carapo, Arima**, who was also charged in connection with the incident pleaded guilty but was reprimanded and discharged.

Both **SINGH** and **ASH** were charged by WPC Gonzales, of the Valencia Police Post, who continued enquiries into the report in which a 25-year-old man told detectives that tools were stolen from his house.

According to the police report, at 5 pm on June 8th, 2023, the man left a shed with tools and equipment behind his home intact. Upon his return at 10 am on June 9th, 2023, he discovered an IPOWER gas-powered pressure washer valued at \$2,200, a YONJIA mist blower valued at \$2,500, one yellow Karcher electric pressure washer valued at \$1,800, two Echo Submersible Water Pumps valued at \$4,000 and other items missing.

It was also discovered that a hole was cut in the wire fence surrounding the property.

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A report was made to the police and a team of officers, including the Valencia Police Post and the Special Operations Unit, visited the scene.

Police further launched a joint operation with officers attached to the Northern Division Area North Task Force, where, around 5.40 pm on June 9th, 2023, two suspects of Carapo, Arima, were found to be in possession of an IPOWER gas-powered pressure washer in a motor vehicle at a supermarket in the Arima district.

The suspects were arrested pending investigations.

Following further enquiries, two Echo Submersible Water Pumps were also recovered from the suspect's home.

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