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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Man, 27, Denied Bail on Violent Robbery, Assault Charges Against Senior Couple**

A 27-year-old man who pleaded not guilty to robbery and assault charges stemming from an October 24<sup>th</sup> incident in Rio Claro was denied bail yesterday by a San Fernando Magistrate.

**AKIEL ALEXANDER, a labourer, of Pond Street, La Romaine,** was remanded into custody by Magistrate Amina Deonarinesingh on one count of Robbery with Violence and Assault with Intent to Rob after being charged on October 29<sup>th</sup> by PC Sookwah of the Rio Claro Criminal Investigations Department (CID).

**ALEXANDER** was arrested on October 27<sup>th</sup> by San Fernando CID detectives in connection with another robbery report in the Southern Division where he was allegedly found to be in possession of a cell phone from the October 24<sup>th</sup> incident.

He will reappear before the Rio Claro Magistrates' Court on November 10<sup>th</sup> to answer the charges.

According to police reports, at 7.20 pm on October 24<sup>th</sup>, a 67-year-old woman and her 83-year-old husband were at their Rio Claro home when they were accosted by three men.

Police were told that the men, all wearing mask covering their face and head, started beating them and demanding money.

During the attack, the woman was allegedly made to hand over TT\$3,000, a Samsung cell phone and a small quantity of gold jewellery.

The men then fled from the scene and police were contacted.

A team of police officers which included Sgt Maharaj, Cpl Mahadeo, and PCs Sookwah and Kallicharan responded and the couple medically treated.

Investigations are ongoing into the case.

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