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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Balandra Man, 21, Jailed for House, Pavilion Breaking**

A 21-year-old man who pleaded guilty yesterday to two counts of house and pavilion breaking was sentenced to nine months hard labour by a Sangre Grande Magistrate.

The accused, **ROMARIO HAYNES, of Rampanalgas Village, Balandra** was arrested on March 27<sup>th</sup> by WPC Treavajo, of the Matura Police Station, who was investigating a report of House Breaking and Larceny and Pavilion Breaking and Larceny which occurred between March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

**HAYNES** was later charged on April 1<sup>st</sup> with the offences.

According to police reports, in the first incident, at 10 am on March 7<sup>th</sup>, an owner of a guest house located in Balandra secured the property and went away. Later that month, at 1.45 pm on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the man returned to the property where he discovered that it had broken into. Several items including a TV, a stereo and a quantity of alcoholic beverages were reportedly stolen.

In the second incident, at 6 pm on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Balandra homeowner secured his property and went away. He later returned the following day at 1.45 pm where he also discovered that the building had been broken into.

Following checks, the owner observed a LG 55' TV missing.

Reports were made to the Matura Police Station where police subsequently learned that the combined value of the stolen items in the two matters was \$12,149.

Police further investigated and a 21-year-old suspect was arrested and later charged in connection with the matters.

The man was handed the sentences of nine months hard labour for each of the offences by Senior Magistrate Cheron Raphael which are to run concurrently.

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