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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **2 Men Get Bail for Sexual Assaults to Girls, 14, 16**

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Two men, ages 46 and 72, were granted bail on Monday after appearing before a Siparia Magistrate charged with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old and 16-year-old girl.

In the first matter, the 46-year-old accused, who resides in Santa Flora, and who was charged with five counts of sexual penetration of a 14-year-old girl on September 9<sup>th</sup>, pleaded not guilty and was ordered to stay 500 feet away from the child.

He was also instructed to stay away from the Santa Flora community as part of his bail conditions which were set at \$175,000 with a surety.

The man will reappear before the court on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

He was charged by WPC Mc Gregor of the South-Western Division Child Protection Unit (CPU) following a police report in January 2020 in which detectives were told that sometime between December 2018 and January 2020, a male relative of a 14-year-old girl allegedly had sexual intercourse her.

The investigation ended with the suspect, the girl's uncle, being arrested and subsequently charged with five counts of sexual penetration of a child.

In the second matter, a 72-year-old man, also of Santa Flora, pleaded not guilty to 14 counts of sexual penetration of a 16-year-old girl, and was also ordered to stay 500 feet away from her.

He was given the order as part of his bail conditions which were set at \$230,000 with a surety.

He was arrested on September 11<sup>th</sup> by WPC Myers of the South-Western Division Child Protection Unit (CPU) at the end of an investigation into a police report which detailed a series of alleged sexual abuse of a child.

In February 2021, CPU officers were alerted to the alleged incidents of sexual abuse by the relatives of a 16-year-old girl who told police that their

niece was subjected to a series of sexual assaults by a man known to their family.

Throughout the course of the investigation, police discovered that while the child was staying at the home of a family friend, a man allegedly had sexual intercourse with her. The incidents are said to have occurred on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of this year.

The girl subsequently told her relatives about the incidents who later reported the matters to the CPU.

The suspect was later arrested and charged with 14 counts of sexual penetration of a child.

Both matters were heard by Magistrate Aden Stroude.

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