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Man, 39, Pleads Guilty to Breaching Protection Order Removed from Home, Fined \$9.8K

A 39-year-old Rio Claro man who breached a protection order against a female relative last Friday was ordered by a Rio Claro Magistrate to vacate the shared premises.

The accused, who pleaded guilty to a series of offences arising out of the incident, was given the instruction this morning by Senior Magistrate Taramatie Ramdass and was fined a total of \$9,800.

He was fined \$6,000 for Breach of a Protection Order; \$1,500 for Possession of a Weapon; \$2,000 for Resisting Arrest; and \$150 for Obscene Language and Threats, respectively.

He was allowed three months to pay the fines.

The man was charged on June 9th by PC Williams, of the Rio Claro Police Station, who responded to a report of Breach of Protection Order at a house located in the district.

According to police reports, at 9.40 pm on June 9th, PC Williams and a party of police officers arrived at the location where they observed a man sitting on the staircase to a two-storey home with a hammer in his hand. The man was spotted making threats to assault a female relative who has a protection order against him.

PC Williams intervened and took possession of the hammer, however, when he attempted to arrest the suspect, a struggle ensued.

The man was eventually subdued with the assistance of the other officers.

While being placed in the marked police vehicle, the man began to use obscene language and also made threats to the officers.

He was taken into custody where the charges were laid against him.

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