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MEDIA RELEASE

Two Men Charged in \$190,000 Larceny by Trick Scheme

Two men from Mayaro have been formally charged in connection with a larceny by trick case in which a San Fernando dentist was defrauded of \$190,000 in a bogus currency exchange scheme.

The incident occurred on Friday 13th September, 2024, when the victim, a 35-year-old resident of Palmiste, was contacted by a man claiming to be an employee of a well-known pharmacy. The caller requested an exchange of Trinidad and Tobago Dollars (TTD) for United States Dollars (USD) under the pretext of assisting with an urgent medical procedure.

The victim subsequently transferred TTD \$140,000 to a bank account and TTD \$50,000 to another bank account. However, after completing the transactions, the victim never received the promised USD and was unable to re-establish contact with the caller.

Following an intensive investigation led by Sgt Bacchus, charges were laid on 8th May, 2025, against two labourers ages 24 and 29 of Mayaro.

Both men were charged with Larceny by Trick and scheduled to appear before a Princes Town Masters Court South A today, 9th May, 2025.

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) reminds citizens to remain vigilant against financial scams and to verify all requests for money transfers, especially those involving currency exchange or urgent medical situations.

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