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MEDIA RELEASE

Men Arrested for Sexual Assault of Girls, 10, 12, 15

Three men are expected to answer to sexual assault charges against minors as they face Arima and Scarborough Magistrates today.

The men – ages 18, 25 and 48 – were arrested following separate exercises by officers of the Child Protection Unit (CPU).

In the first case, officers of the Northern Division CPU received a report of an incident in which a man was suspected of sexually assaulting a 10-year-old female victim.

WPC Alleyne of the Northern CPU subsequently launched an investigation which culminated in the arrest of a 48-year-old suspect on Thursday 14th May, 2020.

The suspect was charged for one count of sexual penetration of a minor and is expected to answer to an Arima Magistrate today.

In the other incidents, Tobago Division CPU officers were alerted to three assaults of female victims.

In the first of the two reports, a 15-year-old girl reported to officers that she was assaulted by a man.

WPC Phillip-Radix led an investigation into the victim's account of the incident where she discovered that the 25-year-old suspect also assaulted another 15-year-old girl.

The suspect was found and arrested on Thursday 14th May, 2020 and is to appear before a Scarborough Magistrate today to answer to the following charges:

- Five Counts of Sexual Penetration of a child
- Two Counts of Engaging in a Sexual Activity in the Presence of a Child

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In the third case, an enquiry was conducted into a report made by a 12-year-old girl to Tobago CPU officers that she too was sexually abused by a man.

The probe ended with the arrest of an 18-year-old male suspect. W/Cpl (Ag.), Clarke of the Tobago CPU laid the charge of one count of sexual touching of a child.

The three investigations were headed by W/Supt. (Ag) George, ASP Nowbutt, and supervised by Insp. Baptiste, and Sgt. Miller respectively.

With children being home and in the care of relatives and friends during this COVID-19 period, the CPU urges parents and guardians to be extremely vigilant and to take all preventative and cautionary measures to ensure their children's safety.

To further compliment these efforts, the CPU will be rolling out a social media campaign within the upcoming days to educate parents, guardians and children on ways they can detect and harden themselves from the attacks of predators and ways in which they can deal with the effects thereof.

The CPU underscores that parents and guardians can never be too cautious when it comes to their children and wishes to reassure them of the CPU's commitment's to protect the nation's children.

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