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MEDIA RELEASE

Labourer, 24, Denied Bail on Robbery, Burglary, Ammo Possession Charges

A 24-year-old man who is the main suspect in connection with several reports of serious crimes in Rio Claro was on Tuesday denied bail by a senior magistrate.

RICARDO RAMNARINE, also known as 'Ricky,' a labourer, of Railway Road, Brothers Road, Rio Claro, pleaded not guilty to the offences of Burglary, Robbery with Violence and Possession of Ammunition and was denied bail when he appeared virtually before Senior Magistrate Alicia Chankar at the Rio Claro Magistrates' Court.

RAMNARINE was remanded into custody and the matter was postponed to December 12th, 2023.

The accused was charged on November 10th by Cpl Farrier and PC Mohammed, of the Rio Claro Criminal Investigations Department (CID) in connection with three matters.

In the first matter, CID detectives investigated a report in which a man told detectives that at 10 pm on October 18th, 2023, he was at his Rio Claro home when he was awakened by someone calling out to him.

The man said he proceeded to his front door and unlocked it, when suddenly, two men dressed in black hoodies, one armed with a cutlass, stormed his home and demanded his vehicle keys following which a struggle ensued.

Police were told the suspects managed to overpower the homeowner who became fearful for his life and handed over the keys to his black Nissan Qashqai which was parked in his garage to the front of his home.

The assailants also relieved him of his Samsung A21 cell phone and \$10.

Police were alerted, responded and launched further enquiries while the homeowner was taken for medical treatment.

In another matter, CID detectives continued investigations into a November 5th police report in which another homeowner was allegedly attacked, home ransacked and items were stolen.

According to the police report, at 12.05 am on November 5th, a man was at his Brothers Road, Rio Claro home when he began feeling unwell and retired to bed. While lying on his bed, the homeowner woke up and saw a man sliding open a window on the southern side of the house.

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Two other men, one armed with a firearm, also entered, and began ransacking his home and relieved him of a quantity of jewellery and clothes.

The men also allegedly planassed him on his right leg before escaping in his Nissan Almera.

A report was made and a party of officers responded and ensured the homeowner received medical treatment.

CID detectives followed further leads and on November 9th, located a 24-year-old suspect at his Railway Road, Brothers Road, Rio Claro home.

During the exercise on November 9th, led by Sgt Maharaj, Cpls Farrier, and Mahadeo and PC Mohammed, detectives executed search warrants for stolen articles at the man's home where several items were allegedly recovered.

Police also found and seized five rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition.

The suspect was immediately arrested and questioned in connection with the reports.

RAMNARINE was subsequently charged by Cpl Farrier with Robbery with Violence and PC Mohammed with Burglary and Robbery with Violence and Possession of Ammunition.

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