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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Man, 24, Charged with Murder of Common Law Wife**

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A 24-year-old man is expected to appear before a San Fernando Magistrate tomorrow, charged with the murder of his common law wife which occurred on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**QUAMISE VANCE, a security officer, of Temple Street, La Romaine,** was charged yesterday by Detective PC Shawn Lall, of the Homicide Bureau of Investigations (HBI), Region Three, for the murder of his 31-year-old common law wife, Sadie Dasrath.

**VANCE** was charged following the advice received from Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Joan Honore-Paul, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

The accused was arrested on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

According to police reports, during the wee hours of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, a man told an off-duty police officer who resides at an apartment complex along Temple Street, La Romaine, that around 1 am on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, he found his common law wife unresponsive at their shared home.

The man told the police officer that around 11 pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, he and the woman allegedly had an argument over the consumption of alcohol. The off-duty police officer, acting on the information relayed to him visited the apartment where he reportedly discovered the lifeless and nude body of the man's wife lying upon a bed in the bedroom.

The woman's body bore a wound to her head. The off-duty police officer immediately called for assistance from police dispatchers who deployed several units to the scene.

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Officers of the HBI Region Three subsequently took lead of the investigation.

Further enquiries into Dasrath's death revealed that a post mortem on her body determined that her fatal injuries which included broken ribs were sustained contrary to that which was reported to police.

Investigations later culminated with the arrest of **VANCE** who was charged with murder.

The probe was spearheaded by Superintendent (Ag.), Sean Dhillpaul, and supervised by Insp Anil Maharaj and Sgt Richardson Elvin, all of the HBI Region Three.

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