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MEDIA RELEASE

Woman, 29, granted \$40,000 Bail for Larceny

A 29-year-old woman was granted bail in the sum of \$40,000 with a surety, when she appeared virtually before a Justice of the Peace on Friday 10th December, 2021, charged with four counts of larceny.

As part of her bail conditions, she must surrender her passport, have no contact with the victims and report to the St James Police station weekly.

STEPHANIE SAMPSON, aka '**Renee Springer**' of St. James, was charged with four counts of larceny in the sum of \$16,100.

She is expected to appear before a Port of Spain Magistrate on December 16th, 2021.

In the first instance, a woman reported that on the 13th May, 2018 she made arrangement with **SAMPSON**, who purported to be a representative of a Hotel and was in a position to book two nights' reservations on behalf of the hotel. The woman allegedly paid the accused \$2,600.

Upon arrival on her wedding night at the hotel, the woman discovered there was no arrangements on her behalf and Sampson was not employed at the hotel. Sampson later admitted to taking the money. The woman reported the incident on December 5th 2021 and Sampson was later charged by PC Lalloo.

In the second instance a female victim reported to police that she allegedly paid a woman, \$4,500 on February 13th, 2019, which represented a down payment for three Yuma Vibe Mas costumes. The victim was led to believe that the woman was employed at the Yuma Vibe Mas Band. The costumes were to be delivered for the Carnival period, March 4th, 2019 and March 5th, 2019.

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The costumes were never delivered as promised and efforts to recover the money proved futile. It was later discovered that Sampson was never employed at the Yuma Vibe Mas Band.

In the third incident, according to police reports on Tuesday 23rd November, 2021 a woman reported she allegedly paid SAMPSON \$4,500 on 2nd September and \$4,500 on 7th September, for home appliances, after Sampson advertised on social media she was in a position to acquire items at discounted prices from furniture stores, streaming services, Housing Development Corporation (HDC) and other institutions. The items were to be collected within a three weeks' time frame. Attempts to secure the items or obtain a refund proved futile.

WPC Harry was detailed to investigate and with the assistance of Western Division Task Force, the Criminal Investigation Department and the Fraud Squad. Sampson was charged two count of larceny tricks and two count of larceny

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