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Gasparillo Man Held with Gun, Ammo by Sangre Grande Cops Sentenced to 3 Yrs Hard Labour

A 23-year-old man who was wanted in connection with three reports of house breaking and larceny in Gasparillo and a report of a robbery with aggravation in Sangre Grande was on Monday sentenced to three years hard labour by a Master at the High Court on possession of a firearm and possession of ammunition charges.

BRANDON THOMPSON, 23, aka 'Smalls,' of Cotton Hill Road 3, Bonne Aventure Village Mayo, Gasparillo, was initially held during a crime suppression exercise by officers of the Eastern Division Task Force on January 28th, 2024, where he was found to be in possession of a Tanfoglio .9 millimetre Pistol and six rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition.

THOMPSON, who was charged on February 4th by PC Mohammed, of the EDTF, appeared before Master of the High Court, Cheron Raphael, on February 5th where he pleaded guilty to the offences and was given the sentence.

THOMPSON was also the main suspect in connection with a December 31st, 2023, report of a robbery with aggravation and possession of a firearm in the Sangre Grande district during which he allegedly robbed a gyro vendor.

Lead investigator into this matter, PC Wong of the Sangre Grande Criminal Investigations Department subsequently charged the accused on February 5th with the offences and later pleaded guilty before Master at the High Court, Cheron Raphael.

He was remanded into custody and will appear before the court on February 20th, 2024, to answer the charges.

Meanwhile, during the investigations into the firearm and ammunition possession, police also discovered that the accused was wanted in connection with three counts of house breaking and larceny between July and December 2023 which allegedly occurred in the Southern Division.

THOMPSON was later charged on February 3rd with the offences by PC Roopchand of the Gasparillo CID.

These matters were heard by Master at the High Court, Shebona Shel, where **THOMPSON** was remanded into custody until another hearing on February 28th, 2024.

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