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MEDIA RELEASE

\$50k Bail for Man Accused of Smuggling Items in Prison

A man charged with bringing prohibited articles into the prison under Section 8 of the Prison Act, Chapter 13:01, as amended by the Miscellaneous Provisions (Law Enforcement) Act 25 of 2019, appeared before Master Libert at the High Court on Friday 28th February 2025,

JOSHUA THONGS, 26, of Duncan Stret, Port of Spain, was granted bail with a surety in the sum of \$50,000 and was also ordered to report to a specified police station twice per week. The matter has been postponed to March 28, 2025.

The charges are as a result of an incident involving officers of the Port of Spain Task Force (POSTF), who swiftly responded to a disturbance near the Port of Spain Prison on Monday 25th February, 2025, leading to the arrest of two suspects attempting to smuggle prohibited items into the facility.

Around 8:15 a.m., officers arrived at the corner of Pembroke and Gordon Streets, where they met with a Prison Officer who reported that a suspect had been seen attempting to throw two bags over the northern wall of the prison. One of the bags, which was retrieved by officers, contained a carton of cigarettes, a one-burner electric stove, a cell phone headset, and a cell phone charger. The second bag, which failed to make it over the wall, was reportedly retrieved by a second suspect.

The two individuals involved in the alleged incident were taken into custody and handed over to officers at the Central Police Station.

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) continues to work closely with the Trinidad and Tobago Prisons Service to prevent the smuggling of contraband and urges the public to report any suspicious activities.

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