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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Prison Officer Fails Prison Security Check, Charged by SIU**

A Prison Officer appeared before Master Magistrate Margaret Sookraj-Goswami at Master's Court North on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, after being charged with introducing a prohibited article into a prison and possession of prohibited articles.

The officer pleaded not guilty to the offences and was granted bail with surety in the sum of \$100,000 or a cash alternative of \$10,000. The matter has been transferred to the Arima Magistrates' Court and will be heard next on January 14, 2025.

On December 5, 2024, the officer reported for duty and proceeded to the security check room, where a search of his black backpack was conducted by fellow prison officers. The search revealed four packets containing cannabis, totalling 828 grams.

Prisons Commissioner, Carlos Corraspe immediately launched an investigation. Deputy Commissioner of Police for Intelligence and Investigations, Suzette Martin, detailed a team of officers from the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) to conduct a thorough investigation. SIU officers further searched the officer's bag and found two cellular phones, two USB cords, and other items.

Following advice from Legal Officer Sgt. Zaheer Ali, SIU officers formally charged the prison officer with the offences.

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