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Man, 50, Charged with Sexually Touching Stepdaughter, 15

A 50-year-old man was ordered to stay away from his 15-year-old stepdaughter after pleading not guilty before a Siparia Magistrate yesterday to sexually touching her.

The accused, who was charged with one count of sexual touching of a child by WPC Renn-Lashley, of the South-Western Division Child Protection Unit (CPU), on September 7^{th,} was given the order to stay 100 feet away from the girl as part his bail conditions which were set at \$100,000 with a surety.

The man will reappear before the court on October 6th where he is expected to answer to the charge.

According to police reports, on November 26th 2020, a woman told CPU detectives that her daughter was sexually assaulted by a man whom she had relations with.

CPU officers further investigated the report during which they were told by the girl that on a date unknown between August 31st 2018 and November 1st 2018, she was awakened to a hand touching her vagina.

The girl further disclosed that when she opened her eyes, she saw a familiar man in a stooping position next to her bed in the room she shared with her brother. When the man realised that she was awake, the girl said, he immediately removed his hand from under the blanket and ran out the room.

The girl later told her mother who subsequently reported it to the CPU.

The investigation was spearheaded by W/Superintendent of Police (Ag.), Claire Guy-Alleyne with direct supervision by W/Sgt (Ag.) Charles of the CPU.

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