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MEDIA RELEASE

Woman, Stepfathers Arrested for Sexual Acts to Girls

A mother and two stepfathers will appear before a Mayaro and Sangre Grande Magistrate today to answer to alleged sexual assaults against two girls.

The incidents occurred in the Eastern Division and was investigated by the Child Protection Unit (CPU).

In the first incident, CPU officers were alerted to a case involving a nine-year-old girl who reported that she was forced to perform acts of a sexual nature to her stepfather.

PC Joseph, of the Eastern Division, conducted enquiries which revealed that the acts occurred during the period July 31st 2017 and September 1st 2019, while living with her mother and stepfather.

The victim also revealed to officers that she confided in her mother about the assaults done to her by her stepfather who allegedly failed to act. The victim subsequently reported the incidents to her father who brought her to the police.

The mother, 39, was arrested and charged by PC Joseph with one count of failing to report the abuse of a minor.

The stepfather, 35, was also apprehended and was charged with three counts of sexual penetration of a minor to wit familial relation and one count of sexual touching of a minor.

Both matters will be heard before the Mayaro Magistrates' Court today, Monday 27th, July, 2020.

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In the second incident, WPC Guerra-Kerr arrested a 36-year-old labourer and charged him with five counts of sexual penetration of a minor to wit familial relations.

According to the 11-year-old girl, between the period September 5th, 2015, and September 1st, 2018, her stepfather allegedly sexually assaulted her on several occasions.

She told police that the abuse came to an end only when her mother and the accused severed ties.

The victim also confided in her father who then brought her to the police.

The stepfather will have his matter heard today, Monday 27th, July, 2020 when he appears before the Sangre Grande Magistrates' Court.

The investigations were spearheaded by W/Supt (Ag) George, ASP (Ag) Sookdeo and supervised by W/Insp (Ag) Bain-Keller.

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