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MEDIA RELEASE

Teen Gets \$150K Bail on Rio Claro Robbery Charges

A Rio Claro teenager was today granted \$150,000 bail with a surety after pleading not guilty to assault with intent to rob and robbery with aggravation charges in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred last Thursday in Rio Claro.

As part of his bail conditions, **MICHEAL STEPHEN, 19, unemployed, of Clear Water Village, Rio Claro**, was ordered on a 9 pm to 5 am daily curfew and to report to his local police station thrice per week by Master Sarah De Silva.

STEPHEN will reappear before the Rio Claro Magistrates' Court on May 21st, 2024, where the matter will continue.

He was arrested on March 29th and later charged on March 31st with the offences by PC Mohammed, of the Rio Claro Criminal Investigations Department (CID), who led enquiries into the police report in which staff of a service station was assaulted and robbed.

According to police reports, at 11.55 am on March 29th, 2024, staff were at their Rio Claro service station when two male suspects, who had their faces covered and one armed with a firearm, approached and announced a holdup.

The suspects reportedly searched the staff members, causing them to be in fear while relieving them of personal items, including \$575.

The suspects then escaped on foot along Circular Street, Rio Claro.

Police were later contacted, and at 12.10 pm, Eastern Division Task Force police officers responded and spotted two suspects matching the description of the suspects. They were arrested.

Following further investigations, a 17-year-old boy, who was among the two held, was released.

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