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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Man arrested for sexually assaulting girls, 6, 10, 12**

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A 38-year-old man will appear before a Sangre Grande Magistrate today charged with sexual offences against three female minors.

The man was held during a sting operation in the Eastern Division over the weekend.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, Eastern Division warrant officers, acting on information, arrested the 38-year-old suspect who has been in hiding from the police since May 2020.

It is alleged that on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, the female victims, ages six and 10, were taken to a river, by a man who is known to the family, to bathe.

While at the river, the victims told police that the man allegedly sexually assaulted the six-year-old in the presence of the 10-year-old, and then masturbated in their presence.

A report was subsequently made to the Eastern Division Child Protection Unit (CPU) and a joint investigation by WPC Charles and PC Joseph was immediately commenced.

During their investigations, the officers unearthed that a 12-year-old female relative of the two girls, had been having sex with the suspect against her will since March 2020.

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The suspect, upon learning that the CPU was in pursuit of him, fled, and has been in hiding since.

He was arrested on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, and was jointly charged by WPC Charles and PC Joseph with three counts of sexual penetration of a child, one count of sexual touching of a child and one count of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity.

He will answer to the charges before a Sangre Grande Magistrate today, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

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