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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Police, Army Capture Robbery Suspect within Minutes**

Rapid response from both police officers and soldiers to a maxi taxi driver in distress along the Priority Bus Route (PBR) resulted in the capture of a robbery suspect yesterday.

Sgt Cadette and Cpl (Ag) Mohammed of the Traffic and Highway Patrol Branch, along with several officers of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF), sprang into action after a maxi taxi driver who was plying his trade east along the Priority Bus Route alerted them of a robbery which occurred at 2 pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

The 66-year-old maxi taxi driver told the officers that he was plying his trade along the PBR when he picked a passenger in the vicinity of the San Juan Police Sub-station.

The driver told police that the passenger, who sat behind him, asked to stop at Champs Fleurs when he suddenly placed him in a choke hold and demanded money. The driver handed over in excess of \$300 after which the man then ran out of the vehicle.

The driver raised an alarm to police officers who were passing by and the man was quickly apprehended a short distance away by Sgt Cadette, Cpl (Ag.) Mohammed and members of the TTDF.

The driver positively identified the man.

The suspect, a 45-year-old man, of no fixed place of abode, was taken into police custody as he is expected to be charged sometime this week with several offences in connection with the incident.

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