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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Man faked his own kidnapping: CoP: We did our Job**

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The Commissioner of Police, Gary Griffith, has taken note of how a man was able to waste police resources for three full days by faking his own kidnapping.

In the end, Shane Ramjattan pleaded guilty and was fined \$600 or two months' in jail by the Magistrate on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, January 2020. He was reported missing on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, and after three days of searches, he was found walking along Penal Rock Road.

Section 6(2) of the Criminal Law Act, Chapter 10:04 states: "Where a person causes any wasteful employment of the police by knowingly making to any person a false report tending to show that an offence has been committed, or to give rise to apprehension for the safety of any persons or property, or tending to show that he has information material to any police inquiry, he is liable on summary conviction to a fine of **one thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.**"

Commissioner Griffith noted the small fine for such offences. He said once persons know they would not be punished for their crimes, they would not hesitate to commit them. He said a lot of resources went into locating this person. In fact, there have been numerous reports of missing persons this month and a lot of police resources have been deployed in an effort to locate all these missing persons.

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The CoP added, "We got the report, we did our intelligence, we investigated and we charged the individual. The TTPS did its job."

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