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MEDIA RELEASE

Church Elder, 68, Charged for Sexually Assaulting Girl, 13

A 68-year-old Elder of a Port-of-Spain Church was arrested and charged by Child Protection Unit (CPU) officers for allegedly sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl.

The man, who resides in Curepe, was charged yesterday with four counts of sexual touching and one count of sexual penetration of a minor by WPC Brathwaite of the Port-of-Spain CPU.

The charges arose out of a report made to police in July 2020 by a 13-year-old girl, that while attending church, she was allegedly sexually assaulted by an Elder.

Investigations led to the discovery of a series of sexual assaults against the teenager which allegedly occurred during the period of November 2019 to April 2020.

The girl disclosed that while she attended Saturday youth sessions at the church, the accused would wait until she was alone in a room and then proceeded to perform the acts.

The accused will answer to the charges when the matter comes up for hearing today, Thursday 12th November, 2020, at the Port-of-Spain Magistrates' Court.

The investigation was headed by W/Supt. (Ag) Natasha George, ASP (Ag) Sookdeo and supervised by Insp Andrews.

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