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Man, 38, Remanded on 5 Sexual Charges Against Girl, 14

A 38-year-old man was denied bail on Friday after appearing virtually before a Mayaro Magistrate charged with five counts of sexual penetration against a teenage girl.

The accused, who was remanded into custody pending criminal tracing, will return to court on November 11th, 2021.

According to police reports, on October 18th, 2021, a woman allegedly discovered suspicious Instagram messages between her 14-year-old niece and a man who she believed to be over 40-years-old. After questioning her niece, the girl alleged that she has been in a relationship with the man for two months and that she was made to have sex with him on different occasions at his home.

The acts are said to have been committed on dates unknown during the period May 31st 2020 and October 1st 2021.

Child Protection Unit (CPU) detectives launched an investigation into the report following which a 38-year-old suspect was arrested on November 3rd, 2021.

He was subsequently charged with five counts of sexual penetration of a child by PC Joseph of the Eastern CPU.

The investigation was spearheaded by W/Superintendent of Police (Ag.) Claire Guy-Alleyne and ASP (Ag) Roberts with direct field supervision by Sgt Baptiste of the CPU.

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