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Seven Men, One Woman Charged for Sexual Offences in CPU, SORT Operation

Seven men and one woman were nabbed in an intelligence-led exercise over the weekend by officers of the Child Protection Unit (CPU), Special Operations Response Team (SORT) and Tobago Task Force.

The accused are expected to appear before Central, Sangre Grande and Scarborough Magistrates, today, Monday 27th January, 2020.

The offences range from sexual penetration of a child, sexual touching of a child and having knowledge of sexual penetration of a child and failing to report it. These offences are all contrary to the Children's Act 46:01.

During January 25th – 26th, 2020 an island-wide exercise spearheaded by W/Superintendent (Ag) George, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Ag) Sookdeo and supervised by Inspectors (Ag.) Boodoo and Baptiste, W/Sgt. Morton of the CPU, with the assistance of SORT, Tobago Taskforce resulted in the arrest of the suspects from the Central, Eastern and Tobago Divisions.

These arrests now bring the total number of persons charged for breach of the Children's Act for 2020 to 28.

The CPU wishes to take this opportunity to remind citizens of its commitment to its mandate to protect the nation's children, steadfastly bringing perpetrators of acts against children before the courts. The CPU strongly urges anyone with information on child abuse to report it to the nearest police station or to the CPU to ensure that an investigation into these cases are immediately launched.

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