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MEDIA RELEASE

Transit Police Detain Suspect, Recover Stolen Items

One man is expected to be charged with robbery with aggravation after being caught red-handed by officers of the Transit Police Unit (TPU) following a daring early morning robbery and chase yesterday.

Another man is expected to be held in connection with the robbery as a warrant has been issued for his arrest. A third suspect is also engaging the attention of Valencia detectives.

This follows a joint police operation between the TPU and detectives of the Valencia Police Post into a report of robbery with aggravation which occurred at 5.50 am on January 11th.

According to the victim, she was asleep at her Benny Road, Valencia home, when she was startled by strange sounds emanating from her bedroom. When she awoke, she saw two men standing over her, one armed with a cutlass demanding the keys to a vault.

Fearful for her life, the woman cooperated with the men, who continued demanding that she handover other valuables from her home. Moments into the ordeal, another man entered the house and began ransacking the rooms.

The men later took the woman's Toyota Hilux, two Samsung flat screen TVs, three cell phones, a quantity of cash and an assortment of jewellery estimated to be over \$100,000.

The woman subsequently ran over to a neighbour's house where the Valencia Police were contacted and units dispatched. An All-Points Bulletin (APB) was also issued for the stolen vehicle and suspects.

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At 7.15 am, officers attached to the TPU, while on routine duty along the Priority Bus Route (PBR) in the vicinity of the Mt. Lambert traffic lights, observed a vehicle matching the description in the APB.

The officers signalled for the driver to stop, which he ignored and continued north unto Mt. Lambert Circular.

TPU officers gave chase and the vehicle was intercepted along Laventille Road, San Juan.

TPU officers exited their vehicle and instructed the two men seen in Hilux to get out. The driver however placed the vehicle into reverse and slammed into the marked police vehicle.

The driver then exited the vehicle and darted off leaving the front seat passenger, a 27-year-old man of Febeau Village, San Juan, in the vehicle. He was immediately searched, arrested and taken into police custody at the San Juan Police Station pending further investigations.

PC Mootilal of the Valencia Police Post is leading investigations into the case and is expected to charge the suspect sometime today.

The arrests of the men at large are imminent.

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