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MEDIA RELEASE

Arouca Man to be Charged with Kidnapping, Robbery with Violence

Arima Police arrested a man suspected to be involved in Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, Robbery with Violence and Shooting with Intent on Saturday.

A report was sent to the Command Centre and officers of the Arima Police Station observed the vehicle reportedly stolen from a recent robbery with violence victim in Arouca and gave chase. The vehicle was intercepted at Kingdom Avenue, Maturita and a 29-year-old man from Hindustan Road, Arouca was detained.

According to a police report, on December 30th, around 4.15 pm a woman was at her Ricemill Road, Arouca, home when she heard a noise at the back of her home and went to investigate. Upon checking, she was approached by a man who allegedly took her against her will binding her hands and legs, she was then placed in a room on the eastern side of her house.

At around 4.25 pm, two other occupants were returning home in their silver Nissan Tiida and upon entering the home on the northern side, they heard a voice say, "Doh move, lie down." Three men, one armed with a firearm, pointed at them.

The man and woman became fearful for their lives and complied with the men.

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The three men entered the victim's silver Nissan Tiida and drove off.

One of the homeowners ran out of the house and gave chase in another vehicle, one of the assailants allegedly fired in his direction.

Checks to the home were made afterwards and the homeowners discovered an assortment of jewellery, a black Samsung S3 cellphone, a black Poco cellphone and a black and red Samsung A71 cellphone missing. The value is to be ascertained.

The scene was processed by members of the Northern Division Crime Scene Investigations and two nine-millimetre spent shells were recovered.

Charges are expected to be laid early this week.

Investigations are ongoing.

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