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MEDIA RELEASE

Garage owner Arrested on Fraud, Larceny Charges

TOMMY REID, a 47 -year-old, garage owner, was granted bail in the sum of \$55,000 with a surety when he appeared before Justice of the Peace, Steven Young, on Wednesday 9th March on fraud and larceny charges.

In April 2017, the High Commission for the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Trinidad and Tobago, contacted the garage to repair a seven-seater Toyota Noah Bus. Based on the cost estimate for the repairs, the garage was presented with a cheque payment of \$23,500. This represented the full cost of the repairs.

It was alleged that during the period, April 2017 and October, 2017, several mechanical parts of the vehicle were removed and sold. It included the engine and the transmission. That was without the permission or knowledge of the High Commission.

In November, 2017, the remains of the vehicle were sold to another garage owner for \$5,000.00.

No repairs were done to the vehicle.

In August 2020, the High Commissioner of Nigeria made a report to the officers of the Fraud Squad. W/Cpl Lewis was detailed to investigate. Reid was arrested and charged on March 9th 2021 with two offences, larceny in the sum of \$23,500, and obtaining \$5,000.00 by false pretences.

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He is expected to appear virtually at the Port-of-Spain Magistrates' Court on May 9th, 2021.

See Accompanying Photo

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