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MEDIA RELEASE

Councillor granted \$130,000 Bail on Misbehaviour in Public Office charge

ANIL MAHARAJ, a Councillor at the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation, was granted \$130,000 bail with a surety when he appeared virtually before the Port-of-Spain Magistrates' Court this afternoon charged with one count of Misbehaviour in Public Office.

Maharaj, the UNC Councillor for Cumuto/Tamana, appeared before Magistrate Maureen Baboolal-Gafoor. The matter was transferred to the Sangre Grande Magistrates' Court and postponed to August 4th, 2021.

Maharaj is to surrender his passport to the Court Registrar at the Sangre Grande Magistrates' Court and have no contact with the witness. He is also to report to the Sangre Grande Police Station between 6 am and 6 pm every Wednesday.

Maharaj was arrested yesterday by a team of officers from the Anti-Corruption Investigations Bureau (ACIB).

The arrest followed a meeting between officers of the ACIB and Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Roger Gaspard SC, who gave advice to charge Maharaj with one count of misbehaviour in public office.

It is alleged that between January 1st and June 30th, 2021, Maharaj demanded the sum of \$15,000 from a contractor at the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation. Maharaj is the Chairman of the Finance Committee at the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation.

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