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MEDIA RELEASE

\$30K Fine for Valencia Man Held with Gun, Ammo

A 28-year-old man who pleaded guilty to firearm and ammunition charges yesterday at the Sangre Grande Magistrates' Court was fined \$30,000.

The firearm and ammunition have been ordered to be destroyed.

KELON DUPREY, a labourer, of Emon Lane, Valencia, was arrested and charged on June 23rd with Possession of a Taurus .38 Special Revolver, Possession of Four Live Rounds and One Spent .38 Special Ammunition and Possession of Seven Rounds of .38 Special Ammunition by PC Morgan, of the Valencia Special Operations Unit, and was given 18 months to pay the fine by Magistrate Cheron Raphael.

DUPREY was fined \$10,000 on each of the charges. If he fails to pay the fines within the stipulated period, he will serve three years' hard labour in prison.

According to police reports, at 3.20 pm on June 23rd, officers attached to the Valencia Criminal Investigations Department and Special Operations Unit were conducting an exercise along Emon Lane, Valencia, when they spotted a male suspect on the roadway acting suspiciously.

Detectives later challenged the man and consequently searched him.

During the search, he was found to be in possession of a Taurus .38 Special Revolver with four live rounds and one spent .38 special ammunition.

He was arrested and taken into custody, pending further investigations.

Police subsequently obtained and executed a search warrant at the suspect's home where they found another seven rounds of .38 special ammunition in a black side bag.

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