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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **\$100k Bail for Prison Officer charged with Fraud**

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A prison officer was granted bail in the sum of \$100,000, with a surety by a Justice of the Peace, after he was charged with Obtaining Money by False Pretences.

**RAVINDRA BASANT**, 24, of Navet, Rio Claro, who was charged with one count of Obtaining the sum of \$77,500 by False Pretences, is expected to appear in court on the 14th December, 2022.

Police reports stated that sometime in 2017, a man purchased a Ford Ranger vehicle, from a financial institution under a hire-purchase agreement. In 2020 the man allegedly sold the vehicle to a buyer and received payment of \$77,500. He allegedly led the buyer to believe that he was the owner of the vehicle and had authority to sell the vehicle, which was supposedly free from all encumbrances. The vehicle was subsequently repossessed by the financial institution.

The matter was reported to the Fraud Squad Office, San Fernando and investigations were conducted by a team of Fraud Squad officers. A suspect was arrested Monday 21st November 2022, and the man was then charged by PC Kissoon.

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