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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Valencia Robbery Suspect Granted \$150K Bail**

A 27-year-old man, who is believed to be one of two suspects involved in a report of Robbery with Violence that occurred last month in Valencia, was granted \$150,000 bail by a Justice of the Peace last Friday.

**JOSEPH WILLIAMS, of Beetham Gardens, Port-of-Spain,** was charged on June 9<sup>th</sup> by PC Baptiste, of the Valencia Police Post Criminal Investigations Department (CID), after being discharged at hospital under police guard on June 7<sup>th</sup> for injuries sustained during an alleged high-speed chase and shootout with law enforcement personnel who responded to the robbery report.

**WILLIAMS** is expected to appear before the Sangre Grande Magistrates' Court on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to answer the charge.

According to police reports, at 9.20 pm on May 15<sup>th</sup>, a homeowner arrived at his Valencia home where he proceeded to unpack groceries from his black Toyota Aqua motor vehicle when two male suspects allegedly entered the premises and accosted him.

One of the suspects, CID detectives were told, was armed with a firearm and struck the homeowner in the face and made him lie down on the floor. Police also learned that the suspects taped the homeowner's mouth as well as relieved him of the keys to his motor vehicle.

The assailants escaped with the man's vehicle.

The homeowner managed to free himself and subsequently made a report to the Valencia Police Post at 10.30 that night. He was also taken for medical treatment and discharged.

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Meanwhile, police immediately made an all-points bulletin and the stolen vehicle was sighted in Northern Division.

A high-speed chase ensued followed by an exchange of gunfire between the suspects and Arima Police Station Operational Crime Patrol in the Carapo area where one of the suspects was observed to be suffering from gunshot wounds.

The other suspect is at large.

Investigations remain active.

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