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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Man, 28, charged with raping woman, 74**

**ALVIN SOOKRAM**, a 28-year-old Labourer from La Brea Trace, Siparia, was denied bail when he appeared before Magistrate Aden Stroude at the Siparia First Magistrates' Court yesterday, to answer to the charges of rape and kidnapping.

Around 8:30am on Saturday 25th July, 2020 a 74-year-old woman arrived at CID office Siparia and reported that around 10:30 pm on Friday 24th July, 2020, she left the home of her neighbour at La Brea Trace, Siparia, and proceeded towards La Brea Trace junction. Whilst waiting to cross the road she said a man approached her and bundled her into a car.

The woman claimed that the car was driven by another man who drove the vehicle further inside La Brea Trace and into a back road behind the Siparia West Secondary School, where she was pulled her out of the car, dragged her down a hill into a bushy area and raped.

The woman alleged that while engaging in the said act she began fighting him off and screaming at which time the suspect threw a stone, striking her on her right foot. He further dealt her several blows with his hands on her back. She told police that the man then ran off and left her in the said bushes where she remained until daylight as she was afraid and also unable to see to get out of the bushy area. She said she later made her way to her home.

The woman was conveyed to the Siparia District Health Facility by officers of the Siparia CID, where she was medically examined and a medical certificate was obtained of her behalf.

Under the supervision of Snr Supt John and Insp Simon, Sgt Ramsaran, Ag/Cpl Gokool and WPC Philandez continued enquiries and with the assistance of the Rio Claro CID, arrested the accused at Ecclesville, Rio

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Claro on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020. He was charged on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September for the two offences.

The accused is due to return to court on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

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