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MEDIA RELEASE

National of India Granted \$350,000 Bail for Theft at Sports Complex

A National of India was among three persons who were granted \$350,000 bail today after appearing virtually before a Sangre Grande Magistrate charged with warehouse breaking and larceny.

The three, **MANIEL MASIH, 40, of Makhan Road, Jerningham Junction Road, Charlieville, DONALD SMITH, 28, of Felmina Tobal Road, North Oropouche Road, Sangre Grande, and SHANIEL PIERRE, 27, of Sugar Hill Terrace Rampanalgas Village, Balandra**, were arrested and charged by PC Nanan, of the Eastern Division Task Force (EDTF), with following extensive investigations into a report of warehouse breaking which reportedly occurred at Indoor Sporting Facility, Sangre Grande, on May 15th.

MASIH, who is originally from India, was also charged with receiving stolen property.

SIMTH and PIERRE are employed as security guards at the facility.

All will reappear before the court on June 15th, 2021.

According to reports, security personnel attached to the Indoor Sporting Facility, Ojoe Road, Sangre Grande, told police that three male suspects arrived at the location and indicated that they were officials attached to the Ministry of Sports there to conduct a site visit.

The security guards further reported to police that the men proceeded to the water heater rooms where one of them used a key, which he had in his possession, and opened the doors to the room. The officials further stated that the suspects removed 11 water heaters and loaded them into the enclosed tray of the truck.

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An investigation was launched and police subsequently recovered the items valued at \$100,000.

Further enquiries resulted in the arrest of **SMITH** and **PIERRE** who were charged with warehouse breaking and larceny.

MASIH was subsequently charged with warehouse breaking and larceny and receiving stolen goods.

The investigation was headed by Senior Superintendent, Eastern Division, Chandool, Supt Ryan Khan, Insp Callender and with field operations by Sgt Khan and PCs Nanan, Williams, Smart and WPCs Patrice and Phillip.

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