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MEDIA RELEASE

\$40K Bail for 3 Charged with Illegal Quarrying

Three men were each granted bail in the sum of \$40,000, when they appeared before Magistrate Sarah De Silva at the Sangre Grande Magistrates' Court today.

The three men **CLARENCE LONDON**, **RAJESH RAMDASS** and **NEIL CROSS**, were all charged with Illegal Quarrying on 7th November. The men are due to reappear in court on 17th April, 2023.

According to police reports, around 11 am on 3rd November, 2022 Forestry Officers were on patrol in the Manzanilla Wind belt Forest in the Matura Range, near the Turtle Nestling Site. While there, they observed an excavator digging and removing materials from the State Land. A report was made to the Multi-Agency Task Force (MATF) shortly after.

ASP Haynes, Sgt Neckles and other officers attached the Multi-Agency Task Force proceeded to the location and arrested three persons and seized an excavator and two dump trucks.

A Geologist from the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, Foresters and the Land Inspector II attached to the Commissioner of State Lands assisted police in their investigations, which led to charges being laid against the three men on 7th November, 2022.

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Investigations are continuing.

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