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MEDIA RELEASE

Breakthrough in Rio Claro, Key Suspects Arrested

The recent crimes seen in the Rio Claro district was a cause for concern. Fleet management challenges which affected the Emergency Response Patrols (ERP) in the district were quickly rectified and resulted in a meaningful breakthrough into the crimes affecting the community.

This from Acting Commissioner of Police, Mc Donald Jacob as he commented on the arrest of suspects linked to a spate of crimes in the Rio Claro district.

Officers attached to the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), in a combined effort with the Rio Claro Criminal Investigations Department (CID)/ Task Force conducted extensive enquiries, under the supervision of Snr Supt Khan. The officers gathered intelligence and a plan was executed around 8.30pm on Saturday 27th August 2022. During the operation, officers intercepted a silver Tiida motor vehicle with three occupants at Libertville, Rio Claro.

The officers searched the vehicle and discovered one Glock pistol with an extended magazine, containing seven rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition and another pistol magazine in the vehicle. The driver, a 35-year-old man from Moruga, a 43-year-old man of Moruga and a 24-year-old of Siparia and Enid Village, Rio Claro were all arrested for being in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Search warrants were executed at the homes of the three suspects where items of evidential value were found at the home of the driver of the vehicle, namely one generator, one mobile phone and jewellery.

Enquiries are presently being conducted with the suspects in relation to recent robberies in the district.

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