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## 4 Months Jail for Bicycle Thief Who Stole Girl, 16, Cell Phone

**Twenty-three-year old, KERRON CHARLES,** who robbed a 16-year-old girl of her cell phone while riding his bicycle last Friday was yesterday sentenced to four months of simple imprisonment by a Master of the High Court.

CHARLES, also known as 'Kerlon Salina,' unemployed, of Riley Road, Claxton Bay and Road 1 North Eastern Settlement, Sangre Grande, pleaded guilty to the charge of simple robbery when he appeared virtually before Master Margaret Sookraj-Gowsami.

**CHARLES** was arrested on April 15<sup>th</sup> and later charged on April 16<sup>th</sup> by PC Samuel, of the Sangre Grande Criminal Investigations Department (CID), who was the main detective in the matter.

According to police reports, at 3.15 pm on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a girl was walking along Graham Trace, Sangre Grande, when she was accosted by a man on a bicycle who grabbed her Samsung A03 cellular phone.

The girl told Sangre Grande CID detectives that she held on to the suspect, however, the man threatened to stab her, causing her to become fearful and let go of him.

Onlookers intervened, detained the suspect and assisted the girl.

**CHARLES** was later handed over to the first responders who carried out a search during which they found the girl's phone.

He was immediately taken into police custody and charged with the offence.

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