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MEDIA RELEASE

Man, 34, Facing 15 Charges Following Shooting Incident in Rio Claro

A 34-year-old man is expected to appear virtually before a Rio Claro Magistrate today charged with 15 offences arising out of an alleged shooting incident that occurred along Brothers Road, Rio Claro last Saturday.

VISHNU GOPIE, also called **ROHAN GOPIE, a labourer, of Leeking Trace, Brothers Road**, was arrested and charged on September 2nd by PC Mahadeo, of the Rio Claro Criminal Investigations Department (CID), with three counts of Shooting with Intent and two counts of Possession of a Firearm, Ammunition, Firearm to Endanger Life Ammunition to Endanger Life, Discharging a Firearm Within 40 Metres of a Public Road and Malicious Damage, respectively.

GOPIE was the lone suspect in connection with a September 2nd police report in which an armed man was alleged to have stood about 100 feet away from a family's home, firing shots at the occupants.

The occupants later retreated to safety and the suspect left the scene.

Police later responded to the report, where upon arrival at the location, observed a front glass window shattered and several of shotgun pellets lodged in the wooden partition to the inside of the family's home.

Further investigations conducted by the Rio Claro CID, led by Sgt Maharaj, resulted in the arrest of the suspect who was later charged with the offences.

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