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MEDIA RELEASE

Man Fined \$4K After Being Found on Cultivated Lands Stealing Fruits

A 38-year-old man who stole hundreds of oranges and plantains from an estate in Matura last October was on Monday fined \$4,000 by a Sangre Grande Magistrate.

ADRIAN MITCHELL, alias 'Jango, unemployed, of Mora Trace, Matura, was charged on February 16th with praedial larceny and being found on cultivated lands by PC Mc Clatchie, of the Matura Police Station, following a warrant exercise. He pleaded guilty to the offences and was fined \$2,000 on each of the charges by Magistrate Nannette Forde-John.

Should **MITCHELL** fail to pay the fines within the stipulated four months, he will be sentenced to six months in prison.

According to police reports, at 5.40 am on October 25th, 2023, a senior citizen was tending to crops on his estate when he observed a man whom he knows gaining access with a crocus bag.

The estate owner later saw the man picking oranges from his orange trees and placing them in the bag. Shortly afterwards, he also observed the man using a cutlass to cut a bunch of horse plantains.

The suspect subsequently exited the estate with the white crocus bag on his left shoulder.

Upon checking, the estate owner discovered 45 plantain grains and 300 oranges were missing. The stolen fruits had an estimated market value of \$2,400.

Police were later contacted and launched further investigations.

The suspect was later traced and charged with the offences.

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