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MEDIA RELEASE

Quick Response by Cops Result in Arrest of Robbery Suspect, and Recovery of Firearm and Vehicle

Police arrested a robbery suspect, seized a firearm and recovered a stolen vehicle while responding to a report of a robbery, yesterday.

At approximately 8:15 am on 31st May, 2024, PC Wynn and PC Ward responded to a report of a robbery in progress at a mini-mart in the vicinity of Oropune Gardens, Piarco.

A few minutes earlier, at approximately 8 am, the first victim, a proprietor, was opening his mini-mart when he observed a silver Toyota Carolla parked at the front. Three men then alighted the vehicle, with their faces covered, one armed with a firearm and another wielding a cutlass. The suspects began to make threats and announced a robbery. The victim was relieved of \$400 in cash and an iPhone valued at \$8000, before taking him into the adjoining house, where he was tied up. The suspects then continued their reign of terror and tied up another man who was in the house at the time and relieved him of \$30,000 in cash.

Upon arrival at the scene, the officers observed the silver Toyota Carolla, bearing false plates, parked at the front of the mini-mart. They arrested one suspect, a man from Deigo Martin, whilst the others were able to make good their escape. After interviewing the second victim, the officers were directed to an area of the house where they found a silver and black Smith and Wesson Pistol, fitted with a magazine containing 12 rounds of 9-millimeter ammunition, which was seized for further processing. Additional checks revealed that both the firearm and vehicle were stolen during a home invasion in the Arima District on 28th May, 2024.

Investigations are continuing into the matter.

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