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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Rio Claro Man Accused of Raping Woman Gets \$80K Bail, Ordered to Stay Away**

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A 49-year-old Rio Claro man who is accused of two counts of rape against a woman was ordered to stay away from her at all times.

The accused, who was not called upon to plea and was granted \$80,000 bail with a surety, was also instructed to report to the Rio Claro Police Station once a week.

He was given the order last Monday by Magistrate Alicia Chanka at the Rio Claro Magistrate Court after being charged with the offences on August 27<sup>th</sup> by PC Mahabir of the Rio Claro Criminal Investigations Department (CID).

The man will reappear before the court on September 20<sup>th</sup> to answer the charges.

He was arrested on August 24<sup>th</sup> in the Couva district by officers attached to the Couva CID having been wanted in connection with a police report in which a woman told police that she was allegedly raped by a man in the Rio Claro district.

According to a police report made on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, a woman was in her yard at about 9 am on May 20<sup>th</sup>, when a man met her and offered her work to clean his apartment and secretary work on a job site.

The woman, detectives were told, accompanied the man in his motor vehicle with her baby where he took her to his apartment.

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While there, the man asked her to go on the beach and she went with him to a beach in Claxton Bay with her child where they bathed. They later returned to the man's apartment.

She subsequently put the baby to sleep and the suspect told her to take off her clothes and she refused.

He then allegedly forcibly took off her clothes and had sexual intercourse with her without her consent.

A similar incident is said to have occurred the following day.

Following investigations, the man was charged with the offences.

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