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MEDIA RELEASE

\$200K Bail for Suspended Police Constable Charged with Assault and Obstruction

A Police Officer who faces six charges, including Assault and Obstruction, was granted bail with surety in the sum of \$200,000 to cover all charges today.

No. 19175 PC NICHOLSON GEORGE, 32, of Chase Village, Chaguanas, who was last attached to the Special Investigations Unit, is due to appear at the Port of Spain Sixth Magistrates' Court on 1st March, 2023, to answer to the charges.

A report was made to the Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) on Monday 30th January, in relation to an incident which occurred at Frederick Street, Port of Spain in the vicinity of Ritual's Coffee House, allegedly involving a Traffic Warden and PC George. Following the report, an investigation was conducted, and the officer was arrested on Thursday 2nd February.

Advice was sought from the Director of Public Prosecutions Mr. Roger Gaspard S.C., who advised that PC Nicholson George be charged for the following offences –

1. Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm
2. Obstructing a Traffic Warden in the execution of duty
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4. Failure to comply with directions of Traffic Warden
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6. Failure to produce Driver's Permit to Uniformed Police Officer.

Police reports indicate that around midday on Monday 30th January 2023, a female Traffic Warden was on foot patrol duty at Frederick Street, Port of Spain, dressed in uniform, and accompanied by two other female Traffic Wardens, who were similarly dressed. She stopped PC George, who was driving a silver Hyundai Creta motor vehicle. The Traffic Warden allegedly informed PC George that she observed that he was not wearing his seatbelts and was talking on his cellular phone. She then instructed him to pull to the side of

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the road, and he failed to comply with her instructions. The Traffic Warden requested his Certificate of Insurance and his Driver's Permit. PC George allegedly produced the Certificate of Insurance, but refused to hand over his Driver's Permit.

PC George was then asked to produce his driver's permit by another female Traffic Warden and he allegedly refused to produce same. She also requested that he pull to the side of the roadway, and again, PC George allegedly failed to comply. PC George then allegedly exited the vehicle and asked to get back the Certificate of Insurance for the vehicle. When the Traffic Warden refused to hand over same, he allegedly assaulted her by pushing her against the vehicle. A Police Officer then arrived at the scene and requested the Driver's Permit of PC George, and he again refused to produce the document.

A report was made to the Professional Standards Bureau and enquiries were conducted, persons were interviewed, and statements were recorded. PC George was arrested on Thursday 2nd February 2023, and on Friday 3rd February 2023, Sgt Pierre laid the charges against him. PC George was on suspension from duty at the time of being charged.

Woman Senior Superintendent Suzette Martin of the PSB spearheaded the investigation, which was supervised by Superintendent Montrichard and included ASP Birch and Sgt Pierre.

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