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MEDIA RELEASE

Robbery Suspect Dressed As Priest Held, Firearm and Stolen Items Recovered

A robbery suspect was caught hiding out in a church, dressed in a priest's garb, as he attempted to escape the vigilance of Inter-Agency Task Force officers following a report of Robbery with Violence in the Maraval district yesterday morning.

Two victims reported to police that they were at their Maraval home around 8:30 am, on Thursday 15th August, 2024, when they were accosted by three men, one armed with a gun, who announced a hold up.

The men allegedly bound the victims' hands and feet before relieving them of a quantity of cash and valuables. The assailants then made their escape in the victim's Nissan Navara.

The victims managed to free themselves and contacted the police.

Around 9:55 am, IATF officers were on patrol in the Port of Spain district when they observed the Nissan Navara in the vicinity of Park Street.

The officers attempted to stop the vehicle which crashed into the police vehicle.

Three male suspects exited the Navara and ran off resulting in the officers giving chase.

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One suspect ran into a nearby church and was found hiding in a room clad in a priest's robe.

The second suspect was also held a short distance away, while the third escaped.

Officers also found a pistol loaded with a magazine containing 12 rounds of ammunition at the scene.

All the stolen items were also recovered and positively identified by the victims.

Investigations are ongoing into the incident.

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