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Man fined for stealing electricity

A man has been fined, and faces imprisonment on default, after pleading guilty to a charge of stealing electricity from the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC).

Imraz Mohammed, of Tewarie Circular South, Arena Road, Freeport, was sentenced in the Chaguanas 1st Magistrates Court on Thursday May 17, where he appeared before Magistrate Jo-Anne Connor. Mr. Mohammed was fined \$2,000.00 and was given 14 days to pay or, in default, four months imprisonment with hard labour.

Mr. Mohammed was charged after a joint current stealing exercise by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and T&TEC's Estate Police. Enquiries revealed that he was benefitting from an electricity supply by abstracting, diverting and consuming electricity by fraudulent means. Mr. Mohammed was arrested and taken to the Chaguanas Police Station, where he was formally charged for larceny of electricity, contrary to section 72 of the Electricity Act, Chapter 54:70. He appeared at the Chaguanas Court later the same day.

This most recent arrest and prosecution is the result of T&TEC's ongoing partnership with the TTPS to combat electricity theft. T&TEC therefore reminds members of the public that, pursuant to the Electricity Act, Chapter 54:70, it is a criminal offence to tamper with the Commission's electricity installations and/or make electricity connections.

The Commission will investigate any such installations and/or connections and bring legal action against those found guilty of those offences. The public is therefore warned against carrying out such acts, which also pose a serious threat to safety.

Concerned citizens who are aware of such illegal activities are asked to contact T&TEC's Security Department at 663-8832 ext. 2388/ 2386.

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