

MEDIA RELEASE

First Bail Order with Electronic Monitoring

A landmark court order was made today when Master Sherene Murray-Bailey made the first order for the use of the new Electronic Monitoring system since the proclamation of the Administration of Justice (Electronic Monitoring) (Amendment) Act, 2020, one of many pieces of legislation aimed at making the Justice system more efficient and effective.

All parties to the proceedings appeared virtually and the applicant sought and was granted bail conditional on being fitted with an Electronic Monitoring Device. The applicant has been restricted from contacting the Virtual Complainant, is restricted from entering certain areas at any time, and must reside at a specified residence until the final determination of the Court matters. The applicant must remain in the specified premises during the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. every day for the duration of the Electronic Monitoring Order.

Prior to the Electronic Monitoring Order being granted, the Court undertook a virtual viewing of the premises and determined that it was suitable and was supplied with electricity and had internet access. The Applicant has been ordered to report to the Police Station every Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Electronic Monitoring system will help to ensure that the conditions are met as any breach will cause an electronic alarm indicating the nature and location of the breach of the conditions to sound, notifying the members of the Electronic Monitoring Unit of the Ministry of National Security. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Order may result in the Court making any order it deems appropriate and in the revocation of Bail.

Representing the State at the virtual hearing was Attorney at Law Ms Giselle Heller and, for the applicant, Attorney at Law Ms Shyline Barlow.

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