



WASA POLICE LEAD CRACKDOWN ON INFRASTRUCTURE VANDALISM; 42-YEAR-OLD CHARGED IN STOLEN PIPE INVESTIGATION

Wednesday 17th June, 2026: The Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) has intensified its campaign against vandalism and theft of critical infrastructure as a 42-year-old man has appeared in court after being charged with receiving stolen goods.

The charge which was laid by a Sergeant attached to the WASA Police Unit relates to the theft of fourteen (14) lengths of ductile double-flange pipes belonging to WASA, valued at approximately TT\$189,000.00.

Bail was granted in the sum of TT\$240,000.00 with a surety. The accused has been ordered to remain at his residence while reporting to the Chaguanas Police Station twice weekly. The matter has been adjourned to the First Court, Chaguanas, on June 22nd, 2026.

WASA views attacks on its infrastructure as attacks on the essential services relied upon by citizens every day. As such, the Authority has adopted a zero-tolerance approach to vandalism, theft and the illegal possession of WASA property.

This latest charge forms part of a broader enforcement initiative being led by the WASA Police Unit in response to a series of incidents affecting facilities across Trinidad and Tobago. Investigations are ongoing into several matters, including the recent vandalism of Tamana Well No. 1, which occurred between June 13th-14th, 2026.

WASA is reminding the public that vandalism of public property is a criminal offence. Section 25 of the Summary Offences Act (Chap. 11:02) and Section 45 of the Malicious Damage Act (Chap. 11:06) stipulate that any person who willfully or maliciously damages public property is liable to penalties upon conviction, including fines and imprisonment.

The Authority is making it clear that individuals involved in the theft, vandalism, purchase, possession, transportation, or concealment of stolen WASA assets will be identified, investigated and brought before the courts.

Every stolen pipe, damaged installation, or compromised facility threatens the reliability of water and wastewater services and places an unnecessary financial burden on the national community. These are not victimless crimes, and WASA will continue to pursue all available legal avenues to hold offenders accountable.

To strengthen its response, the Authority is increasing surveillance at vulnerable facilities, expanding security operations, deploying enhanced monitoring measures, and working closely with law enforcement agencies to detect and disrupt criminal activity targeting public infrastructure.

WASA is also calling on scrap dealers, contractors, transport operators, and members of the public to exercise vigilance and report any suspicious activity involving WASA assets.

Anyone with information can contact the WASA Vandalism Hotline at 496-6738.

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About WASA:

Governed by the Water and Sewerage Act Chapter 54:40, WASA is Trinidad and Tobago's national water utility, committed to providing safe, reliable, and equitable water and wastewater services while promoting conservation and sustainable resource use.

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