

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **The Housing Development Corporation Implements Additional Security Measures amidst an altercation at its Head Office**

Port of Spain, Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023

In and around 11:15am today Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, an individual conducting business at the HDC was accosted by another individual who left the building and returned breaking through the security exit door armed with a cutlass. Both customers assaulted each other with an onlooking customer trying to intervene. A report was made at the Besson Street Police Station and is being investigated by Constable Boucaud.

Having regard to its security and HSSE practices, the HDC has since reviewed its security arrangements and held consultation with its staff to alleviate their fears engaging its Employee Assistance Program(EAP) from tomorrow.

The Chairman Mr. Noel Garcia “Was appalled by the situation and reiterated further enforced security measures and enhanced security protocols to be introduced to prevent such incident reoccurring in the future in any and all of HDC locations.”

The Managing Director Jayselle McFarlane “Today’s incident marks the first of its kind for the HDC. The HDC’s first response is for the safety of its employees and customers. Having engaged the employees today, I am grateful through the discussions held and the prompt response of the local authorities to the situation, that no lives were lost.”

In light of the incident, the HDC has taken proactive steps to ensure the safety and well-being of its employees, visitor and customers.

The HDC is grateful for prompt response of its security personnel, who effectively managed the situation and ensured the safety of everyone involved.

The Corporation would also like to express its appreciation to the law enforcement and the Emergency Medical Services for their prompt assistance and cooperation during this incident.

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