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THORPE HITS 112 CONVICTIONS AFTER ADMITTING TO THEFT

Anthony Randolph Thorpe on Friday added another conviction to the 111 he had before he walked into the District 'A' Magistrates' Court as he pleaded guilty to the theft of two

household appliances.

The 65-year-old resident of Clarke's Road, No. 2 Derricks, St James admitted that on December 30, 2023, he stole one blender and one iron, each costing \$129.99, from Unicomer (Courts) Barbados.

The court prosecutor objected to bail due to his antecedents. "You just came out of prison!" Magistrate Manila Renee said as she looked over his lengthy criminal history.

Thorpe nodded and when asked whether he had anything to say, responded, "I would just like you to deal with everything



one-time, Ma'am."

She then remanded him into custody pending sentencing.

He returns to court on February 2, when the facts will be read and Magistrate Renee will sentence him.

Case adjourned to determine compensation

Damien Tyrone Holder has to return to the District 'A' Magistrates' Court next Friday to find out how much compensation he has to pay a man he assaulted.

In an earlier court appearance, the 39-year-old resident of 2nd Avenue Nurse Land, St Michael had pleaded guilty to unlawfully assaulting Avery Joshua Copeland, occasioning him actual bodily harm, on October 6, 2023.

At that time, Magistrate Manila Renee adjourned the matter for the virtual complainant to be present to determine compensation.

However, while the complainant was present on

Friday, a copy of his medical report was not available.

The matter was then adjourned until January 15.

Holder remains on \$1 500 bail.

The court heard that on the date of the incident, Copeland was in the service area of an Esso gas station when Holder came up behind him, grabbed his collar and pulled him to the ground before punching him several times about the body. A security guard pulled Holder off Copeland and he fled the scene.

"So the two of you were there and you attacked him from behind. You are a coward," Magistrate Renee told

the convicted man.

Although denying that he attacked Copeland from behind, Holder apologised, saying that someone had told him the complainant said something about his son which had disturbed him.

"I am very sorry it happened. It never should have," he said, explaining that he knew Copeland and his family.

"You are old enough to be his father, and that is the example you are setting? Do better," the magistrate advised.

Duo on bail for alleged involvement in bakery theft

Two men have been granted bail after being charged in connection with the theft of bread and pastries from Purity Bakeries.

Carlton Tyrone Hunte, 50, of Parish Land, Christ Church, pleaded not guilty in the District 'A' Magistrates' Court to stealing 793 packs of pastries and bread worth \$3 778, belonging

to the St Michael bakery on November 18, 2023.

Meanwhile, vendor Christopher Fernando Bernstein, 31, of Kingsland Terrace, Christ Church, denied the charge of dishonestly undertaking in the disposal of certain stolen goods, to wit, an assortment of bread belonging to Purity Bakeries, for the benefit of himself or another, knowing or believing the same

to be stolen goods.

After there was no objection to bail, Magistrate Manila Renee released the two on \$2 500 bail each. The matter was adjourned until June 3.

Hunte is represented by attorney Brandon Jones, while Bernstein is represented by attorney Vonda Pile.

St James man on six drug charges

Jeffrey Joseph of Olive Lodge, Lower Holders Hill, St James, is facing six drug charges relating to cannabis and cocaine.

Appearing before Chief Magistrate Ian Weekes in the District 'A' Magistrates' Court, the 49-year-old denied possession of, trafficking and intent to supply both cannabis and cocaine on January 3.

There were no objections to bail, and Joseph was released on \$4 000 bail.

The accused who is represented by attorney Kyle Walkes will head to the District 'D' Magistrates' Court in Cane

Garden, St Thomas on January 31 for his matter to continue.

Water sports operator on assault charge

A water sports operator has been warned to stay away from the woman he allegedly assaulted, as part of his bail conditions.

Hajji Kemal Estwick, 24, of Ashby Land, Oistins, Christ Church, denied that on December 27, 2023, he unlawfully assaulted Aaliyah Marsh, occasioning her actual bodily harm.

Chief Magistrate Ian Weekes granted him \$4 000 bail after there were no objections and adjourned the matter until May 7.

Man denies New Year's Day assault

A 47-year-old Brittons Hill, St Michael man appeared in the District 'A' Magistrates' Court on an assault charge.

Don Elijah Phillips of Brittons Cross Road pleaded not guilty to assaulting Terry Bynoe on January 1, occasioning him actual bodily harm.

The accused, who is represented by attorney Shadia Simpson, was released on \$2 500 bail and told to stay away from the virtual complainant.

He returns to court on June 4.

Theft accused denied bail

Already on bail on another matter, Marcus Pierre Byer was remanded into custody after being charged with the theft of over \$3 500 in tools.

The 2nd Avenue Harts Gap, Christ Church man denied that on

Teen changes guilty plea

A teenager who admitted to stealing money from one of her co-workers earlier this week returned to court on Friday to change her plea.

Shakelia Krisanna Barker, 18, of Grazettes Landing Scheme, St Michael, pleaded guilty on Wednesday, to stealing \$179.14 belonging to Shakela Payne, when she appeared before Magistrate Manila Renee.

At that time, Barker, who has no previous convictions, was placed on \$750 bail and told to return to the District 'A' Magistrates' Court later in the week to pay back the virtual complainant and to be sentenced.

However, while Payne was present in the court on Friday, Barker's attorney Fay Burke said her client wished to enter a not-guilty plea in the matter instead.

"My client insists that she did not steal any money," Burke stated.

Magistrate Renee allowed the plea change and adjourned the matter until June 4.

"I was planning to give you a reprimand and discharge, but now the matter will have to go to trial," she told Barker.

December 16, 2023, he stole one bag valued at \$200, one circular saw valued at \$800, two drills valued at \$1 100, six transformers valued at \$840 and one lock valued \$600, belonging to Raymond Layne.

When the 47-year-old unemployed man appeared before Chief Magistrate Ian Weekes in the District 'A' Magistrates' Court recently, the prosecutor objected to bail, pointing out that the accused was already on bail from that court for a similar offence.

Weekes remanded him to Dodds Prison until January 15.