

Police arrest man suspected of stealing digital camera and cash

ST. EUSTATIUS—Police here arrested recently the well-known E.E.G. of St. Eustatius, who is accused of stealing a digital camera and about NAF. 500 in cash and of illegally forcing open and entering a vehicle.

E.E.G. has been charged with four crimes thus far, and, according to Police Deputy Chief Inspector Quintin Rogers, his detention has been extended for another eight days by the Acting Prosecutor.

Rogers said the stolen digital camera had been

recovered and confiscated for further investigation. He also reported that one J. M. had also been arrested for trying to fence the item, but had been released later.

Meanwhile, according to Rogers, the police are still putting some loose ends together for some other cases and more arrests are expected shortly. He reminded the public that persons with information pertaining to any irregularities should report it to the police by calling the 911

hotline or the Prosecutor's Office.

He stressed that the police needed the public's support, as a collective effort is needed to enhance safety and security.

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ly in the Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism (CAST) programme urging less water and energy by posting information in rooms for guests. For example, guests are asked to re-use their towels, but if they prefer a change to leave them on the floor for the housekeepers to remove.

Marlin said the Bureau and environmental stakeholders would also sit together on Friday to hammer out an integrated approach to the challenge of climate change locally in relation to the sustainability of the tourism industry.

Regional environmental expert Atherton Martin has been invited by the bureau to visit the island's primary and high schools on Wednesday and Thursday to inform students of their role in curbing climate change.



Abandoned and derelict vehicles, like this one on Sour-sop Road, are still being seen on the island's streets despite warnings from the authorities to residents to remove these potential hazards in the time of a tropical storm or hurricane. With more bad weather expected to sweep through the region, storm preparedness has been urged by Lt. Governor Franklyn Richards. (Gromyko Wilson photo)

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Journalist Miriam Sluis (seated, right) signs a copy of her new book *Salt Reef* ("Zoutrif") during an event in Amsterdam Friday night. Salt Reef describes the history of Rif St. Marie Plantation in Curaçao some 400 years ago. In her book, Sluis takes a look at the mentality of the Curaçao people and the effects of slavery. This is Sluis' second book; in 2004 she wrote *The Antilles don't exist, the latter days of a fictitious country*. The formal presentation in the Netherlands, at the *Muiderkerk* in Amsterdam drew a large crowd. The crowd and members of a panel actively engaged in a discussion about slavery and how this still affects life on the Curaçao nowadays, 145 years later. Sluis, stationed in Curaçao as correspondent for the Dutch newspaper *NRC Handelsblad* and news broadcast *NOS Journal*, earlier this month presented her book in Curaçao. (Suzanne Koolega photo)



From left: husband and wife Erick and Sharon van Armanen of the New Testament Baptist Church in Philipsburg were ordained during a formal procedure at the church yesterday afternoon. Erick and Sharon have now been vested with ministerial/priestly authority. (John Halley photo)

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raçao last week, which also triggered rumours about her position not being sustainable within the Central Government any longer.

The official reason given for the State Secretary's absence during the Council of Ministers meeting on Wednesday was that she was ill.

Meanwhile, government is awaiting a final position of the State Secretary on the request made to her.

Attempts to reach Lt. Governor Franklyn Richards yesterday to enquire about the report were futile. So too were attempts to contact Smart-Berkel

to enquire about her situation.

Without going into details, National Alliance leader William Marlin said on Sunday that the party was not planning to replace any of its members in the government.

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