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RE: BAIL FOR 42 MEN IN IPHC MATTER

The Westonaria Court granted bail the 42 men allegedly involved in the attack at the International Pentecostal Holiness Church(IPHC).

The accused, each facing five counts of murder, possession of firearms; possession of prohibited firearms and possession of ammunition, were granted R5000 bail. They were also charged with 36 alternative charges of attempted murder, kidnapping, robbery with aggravating circumstances, house breaking, assault and malicious damage to property.

Magistrate Gavin Pillay, heard evidence presented through affidavits detailing the personal circumstances of each of the accused as well as reasons why they should be released on bail.

Through a responding affidavit and testimony of the investigating officer, the prosecution opposed bail because they were danger to society. It added that, there was a likelihood that the investigations might be placed in jeopardy as the state witnesses are known to them.

The court ruled that all accused discharged the onus of convincing the court that they are suitable candidates to be admitted into bail, but attached the following conditions to their release on bail:

1. They must hand in their passports to the investigating officer.
2. They must not interfere with state witnesses and
3. They are not allowed to enter IPHC headquarters in Zuurbekom.

The matter was postponed to 24 November 2020 for further investigations.

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