

28-year-old charged with stealing WASA pipelines

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ANTONIO SINGH appeared in court yesterday charged with stealing two lengths of pipelines belonging to the Water and Sewage Authority (WASA).

Singh, 28, of Gasparillo appeared before Chaguanas First Court Magistrate Gillian Scotland yesterday morning.

He faced the charge of larceny of two lengths of iron pipelines valued \$16,000 from Perseverance Road, Chaguanas. The

pipes were allegedly stolen last Tuesday.

Singh pleaded not guilty. He was charged by Estate Constable Larry Bhagwandin following investigations led by WASA head of security Anand Ramsoondar.

The 20-inch diameter ductile iron pipes were allegedly recovered near the suspect's home at Pond Road, off School Trace, Gasparillo.

Attorney Sunil Seecharan yesterday said his client lived with his parents and worked as an operator with a contractor.

Scotland granted Singh \$30,000 bail and

adjourned the matter to May 17.

The previous day Singh was taken before a Justice of the Peace where he was granted \$50,000 bail. He was unable to secure this bail and remained in custody until his court appearance yesterday.

Four days ago three million gallons of water was lost and 200,000 customers had a disruption in the supply of water after bandits stole an air valve from the Caroni South transmission main system, in Perseverance in Chaguanas. This has not been linked to Singh's case.

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