

## **COMMUNIQUE**

### **In the matter of:- OB 7665/2013 CUREPIPE involving Miss M., minor female born in 2003**

On 11 December 2013 one Jacques Jocelyn Veerassamy, aged 51 years, received a fatal stab wound to his heart. The said stab wound was dealt at his back.

The police enquiry reveals that a female minor, who was aged 10 years at that time, perpetrated the attack. The female minor has explained the circumstances leading to the attack and the manner in which the attack took place.

At the request of this Office, a Judicial Enquiry was held before the District Court of Upper Plaines Wilhems into the cause of the death of Mr. Veerassamy. The panel of psychiatrists and psychologists who examined the minor has concluded that the minor did not possess the required 'discernment', as per section 44 of the Criminal Code, at the time of the attack. The learned Magistrate has also come to the conclusion that the minor did not possess the mental element required to commit the offence.

After considering the evidence as disclosed by the police enquiry and taking into consideration the opinions of the expert psychiatrists and psychologists as well as the findings of the learned Magistrate, this Office has advised the Commissioner of Police that there should be no further action into this matter.

**Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions**

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