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**NEWS RELEASE**

**ACCRA POLICE RESPONSE TO MAMPROBI ARREST INCIDENT**

The Accra Regional Police Command, in response to public concern on a video making rounds on social media which shows the use of reasonable physical, but minimum force applied by the Police whilst arresting a suspect on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 states as follows:

Suspects

**(1) ASAFOATSE ARYEE OBO**, aged: 32, a Businessman together with

**(2) NII ARMAH WULU I**, aged: 48, also a Businessman and Dzaasetse of Mamprobi, were arrested at Mamprobi a suburb of Accra on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 after several failed invitations by the Police.

The suspects were arrested for the following offences.

1. Conspiracy To Commit Crime: To Wit, Unlawfully Exercising Supervision or Control of Land Development and Preventing a Developer from Developing the Land
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3. Assault
4. Causing Unlawful Damage
5. Resisting Arrest and Rescue
6. Assault on a Public Officer

The offences charged on the suspects concerns several criminal engagements including an attack launched on a victim on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at about 10:30 am at Mamprobi. The suspects Nii Armah Wulu together with Asafoatse Aryee Obo went to the victim, a 60 year old woman who was constructing a building at her late father's residence and instructed her to stop work immediately. The suspects demanded an amount of Ten Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢10,000.00) as a digging fee from her although the victim had obtained the appropriate permit for the construction. The suspects also ordered workers and suppliers of building material at the construction site to run for their lives.

During the confrontations, the victim decided to film the incident, this infuriated the suspects. Suspect Asafoatse Aryee Obo pounced on the victim, pushed her to the ground, forcibly seized her Samsung mobile phone valued at One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 1,250.00), and smashed the phone on the floor without any provocation, thereby causing damage

to the phone. The suspects also demolished sections of the building under construction. This led to the arrest of the suspects.

The suspect, Asafoatse Aryee Obo in the process of arrest resisted and physically assaulted the arresting officers. He also kicked the groins of one of the arresting officers with his legs and inflicted severe injury.

Given the circumstance, the Police had to resort to the application of the force needed at the time, because all other means to get the suspect to remain calm and comply with the arrest procedure had failed. The action of the Police was necessitated to prevent the suspect from causing further harm to other officers and persons who had gathered at the scene of the arrest.

However, suspect Nii Armah Wulu I, who did not resist arrest, was treated courteously and escorted to the Police station for interrogation.

The suspects were arraigned before Circuit 8 on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. They were both remanded into Police custody and on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021, they reappeared at the court and were granted bail to the tune of Eighty Thousand Ghana Cedis with two (2) sureties each. They are however expected to reappear before the court on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

The Police reiterate that the **Criminal Offences Act 1960 (Act 29)** provides for the reasonable use of force by the Police.

Also, in line with the demands of the Profession, the Police will continue to act impartially and enforce all existing laws, without fear, discrimination and continue to protect human dignity, maintaining and upholding the rights of all persons.

In light of this, the Police call on the support of members of the general public to volunteer, timely and accurate information on security as they remain vigilant, especially before, during and after the yuletide.

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