

Report on Nearby Bush Fire and Early School Dismissal

On Friday March 14th, 2025, at approximately 9:50 a.m., a fire started in the field next to Learning Oasis Primary School located on Green Street Port-of-Spain. Due to this incident, school was dismissed early. This report gives details about what I, Ayden Pearson witnessed as the situation unfolded.

At 10:00 a.m., the bell to signal the start of recess rang and my classmates and I prepared ourselves to go outside. While securing my books, I heard my teacher Miss Pitt, talking in the hallway with another teacher, Miss. Inniss. They said that a bush fire had started at the edge of the field next to the school, where the tall grasses grow.

After overhearing this, I went to the fence on the eastern side of the school that faced the field. There I observed the greyish smoke coming from the end of the field. The fire was not a large fire at this time. While I stood there, other students came to see what was taking place also, some of whom started whispering among themselves.

At 10:10 a.m., the bell to signal the end of recess rang and all students returned to their classes. As my fellow students and I entered the class and took our seats, our teacher told us about the fire and reminded us that in such a matter, we should not panic. She also said that the principal, Mrs. Coa, contacted the fire services and they should arrive shortly. As she spoke, a small amount of whitish smoke began entering the classroom. Accompanying the smoke, were tiny bits of ashes that settled on several of the desks.

Immediately afterwards, the principal came on the loudspeaker and made a school announcement. She said that because of how rapidly the nearby bush fire was spreading and amount of smoke it was emanating, it wasn't safe for us to stay on the school's compound. She then said we would be dismissed early. After making this announcement, she instructed teachers to contact parents and to take their students to the muster point which was located at the western side of the school's compound. Some students cheered because they were excited to go home early. Miss. Pitt calmly instructed us to pack our bags, as she took her phone to share the information in the parent's chat.

As I walked with my classmates towards the muster point to await my mother, I could see the fire much better. It was much bigger than what I witnessed during recess. As I waited, I saw two fire trucks arrive with flashing red lights. A police vehicle accompanied them and helped to keep people away from the area near the fire.

The firefighters started spraying water towards the fire. I could see the water going high up in the air and towards the smoke. It took a long time, but slowly, the amount of smoke started to get less and less. The flames I had seen earlier eventually disappeared.

While the firefighters were working, the teachers and the principal made sure all the students were safe and stayed together, as their parents gradually arrived to pick them up. At approximately 11:20 a.m., my mother came to get me. I could still smell the smoke in the air as we drove home.

Report on Witnessing Someone Trying to Steal at the Mini-Mart

On Thursday April 10th, 2025, at approximately 3:20 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred at the Oasis Mini-Mart located in St. Joseph, involving an adult female customer, Mr. Ram, the owner of the mini-mart and myself, Gianna Renrick. This report gives details about what I witnessed as the incident unfolded.

Around 3:15 p.m., I was in the snack aisle, looking for potato chips. I was trying to decide between cheese or barbecue flavour. While I was looking at the top shelf, I saw a lady acting a bit strange, a few meters from where I stood, near the chocolates.

The lady was wearing a big, floppy, blue hat and sunglasses, even though it wasn't a very sunny day. She picked up a chocolate bar and looked around quickly, like she didn't want anyone to see her. Then, she slipped the chocolate bar into the big pocket of her jacket. She did this very quickly and then looked around again. After putting the chocolate in her pocket, she picked up another chocolate bar and did the exact same thing.

Shortly after doing this, the lady proceeded towards the exit of the mini-mart, without going to the cashier. I was a bit surprised and didn't really know what to do at first. I wasn't sure if I should say something. Then, I remembered my teacher telling us that if we see something wrong, we should tell a grown-up. So, I quickly looked around for someone who worked at the grocery.

I saw Mr. Ram, behind the counter, talking to another customer. I immediately interrupted their conversation and told Mr. Ram what I had just witnessed. I pointed towards the front of the mini-mart showing him the lady, who was now at the exit as I explained what I saw.

Mr. Ram looked surprised but quickly looked in the lady's direction. He then proceeded towards the front of the mini-mart. I returned to the snack aisle where I could get a better view and observed what happened next from there.

Mr. Ram stopped the lady just as she was about to go out the door. I saw him talking to her, but I couldn't hear exactly what they were saying. The lady looked a bit flustered and started shaking her head, as if denying the allegation. Then, Mr. Ram asked her to come back inside. She looked like she didn't want to, but she eventually followed him back towards the counter.

After arriving at the counter, Mr. Ram asked the lady to empty the contents of her pockets. She hesitated for a moment and then took out the two chocolate bars. In a raised voice, Mr. Ram demanded that she pay for the items. The lady quickly paid and hurried out of the mini-mart.

After the lady left, Mr. Ram thanked me for telling him what I saw. He said it was important to be honest and to do the right thing. He gave me a large pack of my favourite potato chips as a thank you.

Report on Witnessing a Car Accident

On Saturday, February 12th, 2025, at approximately 10:45 a.m., a vehicular accident occurred at the intersection of Queen Street and St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain. Involved in this accident was a black Nissan Tiida bearing license plate PDG 2560 and a blue Kia Sportage bearing license plate PEA 2152. This report gives details of what I witnessed, as I stood at the intersection with my mother.

Around 10:40 a.m., the pedestrian crossing bell rang at the intersection, signaling for all vehicles to stop. At that time, pedestrians began crossing the road in all directions. The Nissan Tiida was facing north on St. Vincent Street leading a line of traffic, while the Kia Sportage was facing east on Queen Street.

When the pedestrian bell stopped and the light turned green signaling the Kia Sportage to proceed, the Nissan Tiida's driver also proceeded resulting in a head-on collision. There was a loud "bang".

I saw two people in the Tiida: a man driving and a lady in the passenger seat. They both looked surprised and maybe a bit hurt. The man began holding his chest. In the Sportage, there was only a driver, who looked angry as he began shouting at the driver of the Nissan Tiida. My mother immediately grabbed my hand. A few other people who were in nearby cars got out to see what had happened. Some people started making phone calls, probably to the police or ambulance.

My mother and I walked over to the Nissan Tiida and asked the driver and his passenger if they were injured. The driver of the Sportage seemed okay but was still shouting and pointing at the black car. The driver of the Tiida continued holding his chest and looked like he was in pain.

After a few minutes, I heard the sirens of emergency vehicles approaching. First, a police car arrived, with its lights flashing. Two police officers got out and started to assess the scene. They asked the drivers what occurred and began taking notes. Then, an ambulance arrived. Paramedics got out and went straight to the black car to check on the driver, who was still holding his chest. They seemed to be talking to him and checking him carefully.

One of the police officers directed the traffic, trying to keep it moving around the accident. The paramedics helped the driver of the Tiida into the ambulance. His passenger was also taken into the ambulance with him. During this time, the driver of the Sportage was still talking to the other police officer.

The situation was handled by the police and the paramedics who arrived quickly to help the injured and investigate what had happened. About a half hour later, two tow trucks arrived on the scene and removed the damaged vehicles so that the traffic could flow freely again.