

## **Report on Unexpected Power Outage**

On Sunday 13th, April 2025, at approximately 7:10 p.m., there was an unexpected power outage in Santa Rosa Heights, Arima, that lasted for approximately one and a half hours. This report gives a detailed account of what took place at my home during the incident.

Around 7:10 p.m., I was sitting at the living room table, doing my Math homework. My mother was in the living room watching news on television, while my younger brother, Mikey, played with his building blocks on the floor.

Suddenly, everything went dark. The lights went off, the television screen went black, and the air condition stopped. Electricity was gone. My father, who was outside in the yard talking to a neighbour, came inside instantly. He related that the entire street was also in darkness, while picking Mikey off the floor, since he was now crying.

At the same time, my mother searched the bottom drawer in the kitchen to find the candles and matches. She always kept them there for emergencies like this. I was able to assist by remembering where the flashlights were. We kept two flashlights in the hallway closet. I got the flashlights and gave one to my mother and kept one for myself.

Shortly after, my mother lit two candles, placing one on the living room table and the other on the kitchen counter. My father went to check the circuit breaker box and turned off a few breakers.

Since there wasn't much to do in the dark, my father suggested that we sit in the gallery for a moment. While there, my father went to the front yard and continued chatting with a few neighbours who were now gathered in the street. He then told us that he could see two TnTEC trucks down the street and the workers seemed to be fixing something on a pole. My mother, Mikey and I remained sitting in the gallery as I played games on my phone.

After about an hour, just as I was getting a bit bored, the lights flickered on. There was a loud cheer heard around the community. My mother instantly got up and went inside as she blew out the candles. The television also turned back on but not the air condition.

Although later than expected, I was able to finish my homework before going to bed.

## Report on Witnessing a Dog Bite at the Park

On April 14, 2025 at approximately 4:30 p.m. I witnessed a dog biting incident at the community park, located on Maple Street, Sunshine Gardens, Arouca. The following report details what took place during and immediately after this unexpected incident.

Around 4:00 p.m., I was at the community park with my older brother, Mark. He had football practice, and I was sitting on a bench watching him and his friends train. I saw a lady walking her dog across the grassy area, just beyond my brother. Her dog was big and fluffy, brown and white, and wasn't on a leash. As the lady walked alongside her dog, she held her phone to her ear, seemingly having a conversation.

While walking along the park, the lady and her dog approached a little girl, who looked about five or six years old. The girl seemed to be running around chasing a butterfly as she got quite close to the lady's dog. Suddenly, the dog turned its head and barked loudly. The little girl immediately stopped running.

Then, before anyone could do anything, the dog pounced on the little girl and bit her on her foot, near her ankle. The little girl screamed loudly and started crying. The lady who owned the dog looked shocked. She quickly ended her phone call and rushed over to the little girl. The little girl continued to wail loudly, all while holding her foot. As I got closer to the scene, I saw a small amount of blood on the girl's foot.

My brother Mark ran over to help also. He immediately told the lady she should always put the leash on her dog when at a park. Some other grown-ups who were at the park also came over to see what was happening. The lady with the dog looked very worried and kept saying she was sorry, all while hooking the leash which was in her pocket to her dog's collar. One of the other adults who came over, helped the little girl sit on a nearby bench, as another adult, who appeared to be related to the girl, phoned the girl's mother.

The little girl's mother arrived in less than ten minutes. She looked upset when she saw her daughter crying and holding her foot. The mother checked her daughter's foot and then someone said she should probably take her to the doctor. At this time, the lady with the dog gave the little girl's mother her phone number and said she would pay for the doctor visit and any medication needed. The girl's mother seemed upset still but agreed to go to the doctor and left immediately.

After the little girl and her mother left, the lady sat on a bench at the far end of the park for about ten minutes, before walking away with her dog.

## Report on Surprise Artiste at School Carnival Jump-Up

On Friday, February 21st, 2025, at approximately 1:00 p.m., a Soca Artiste made a surprise appearance during the Carnival Jump-up at Oasis Government Primary School. This report gives details of what I, Jeal Taylor witnessed and experienced at this event.

Last Friday, February 21st, was our school's Carnival Jump-Up. Everyone was dressed in their colourful costumes, as we danced to the music played. We were all having a great time jumping up and waving our rags.

Around 1 o'clock, the music suddenly stopped. Mr. Jones, one of our teachers who was the DJ, got on the microphone. He stated that we had a very special guest, who arrived to celebrate Carnival with us. In response to this announcement, everyone started cheering and wondering who it could be.

Then, a famous entertainer, Young Bredda, walked onto the stage! The whole school went wild! Everyone started shouting and clapping. He was wearing a shiny gold shirt and a big smile. Just before he came on, we were all just jumping up to one of his soca songs. Some students were throwing confetti in the air, and the teachers were dancing with us. When Young Bredda came on stage, everyone stopped jumping for a second because we were surprised. Then, the cheering and excitement got even louder!

Young Bredda started singing one of his most popular songs, "The Greatest Bend Over." Everyone knew the words, and we all started singing along at the top of our voices. He sang about Carnival and having fun. His voice was really strong and made everyone want to dance even more. He even came to the front of the stage and waved to us. Some of the teachers were taking videos with their phones.

He sang about three songs in total. Between songs, he spoke to us about the importance of Carnival and enjoying our culture. He even told a funny joke that made everyone laugh. After he finished singing his last song, everyone gave him a huge round of applause. He waved goodbye and said he had a great time with us, but was going to another school to surprise them as well. Then, he walked off the stage.

After Young Bredda left, the regular DJ music started again, but everyone was still talking about how amazing the live performance was.