



The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Trinidad and Tobago National extradited to the United States of America

Yesterday at 12:30 am DAVEANAN SOOKDEO, a national of Trinidad and Tobago, citizen of Canada and resident of the United States of America was extradited (by consent) to the United States of America. The fugitive Sookdeo was handed over to two (2) U.S. Marshalls by members of the Interpol Bureau led by Sergeant Herman Narace, with assistance from the OCNFB and the CID Task Force.

Sookdeo is alleged to have committed the following offences: One (1) count of Conspiracy to defraud the United States and to commit theft of government funds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, which is punishable with a maximum term of five (5) years imprisonment; One (1) count of False claims to the United States, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 287 and 2, which is punishable with a maximum term of five (5) years imprisonment; and One (1) count of Interstate and foreign transportation of money taken by fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2314 and 2, which is punishable with a maximum term of ten (10) years imprisonment. Sookdeo is alleged to have committed these offences between 2006 and 2010 in the United States of America and Canada, before fleeing to Trinidad and Tobago.

The Honourable Faris Al-Rawi, Attorney General, signed the Authority to Proceed on July 28th 2017 which triggered the extradition process.

Sookdeo was arrested by Interpol Police Officers on July 31st 2017 at Debe South Trinidad and brought before the Chief Magistrate (Ag.) Mrs. Maria Busby Earle-Caddle sitting in the Port of Spain Eighth (8th) Magistrate Court on August 2nd 2017.

Attorneys-at-Law Mr. Netram Kowlessar and Mr. Graeme Mc Clean, Head (Ag.) of the Central Authority Unit, appeared in Court on behalf of the Requesting State.

The Attorney General is committed to working with law enforcement agencies in the Caribbean and other international bodies to confront and fight the scourge of crime.

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Dated: September 13th 2017