

## **REPORT ON PIRACY INCIDENT AGAINST S/Y MARITIMA ON SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

11.20am, TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016:

I just got a call on the telephone from Mr. Jonas Rommel in Grenada. Mr. Rommel is the captain and owner of the S/Y Maritima, a 32 foot white sailing yacht. Mr. Rommel reports:

**HE LEFT TRINIDAD AT ABOUT 5AM ON SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER SAILING TO GRENADA WITH HIS TWO SONS ABOARD HIS BOAT, MARITIMA.**

**AT ABOUT 10AM, WHEN THEY WERE ABOUT 30 N.MLS FROM TRINIDAD TO THE NORTH AND A LITTLE TO THE WEST OF THE OIL RIG HE WAS APPROACHED FROM THE EASTERN SIDE BY A PIROGUE.**

**THE PIROGUE WAS WHITE (OR SLIGHTLY BLUISH) ON THE OUTSIDE WITH A GREY GUNNEL. THE PEOPLE IN THE PIROGUE HELD HIM UP WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE A RIFLE BUT HE COULD NOT SAY FOR SURE AS IT WAS HIDDEN BY A PIECE OF CLOTH.**

**THERE WERE SIX PERSONS ABOARD THE PIROGUE. ALL WERE VENEZUELAN. ALL WERE BETWEEN 20 TO 30 YEARS OLD AND ALL WERE TYPICAL VENEZUELAN, OFF-WHITE IN COMPLEXION.**

**THE PIROGUE HAD A 130 HP OUTBOARD ON ITS TRANSOM AND A 150 HP OUTBOARD LYING ON THE FLOOR INSIDE THE BOAT.**

**THE PIROGUE HAD THREE BLUE BARRELS IN IT, PRESUMABLY CONTAINING EXTRA FUEL. 3 OF THE VENEZUELAN CAME ABOARD MARITIMA AND THEY TOOK EVERYTHING THEY COULD GET: CLOTHES, COMPUTER, CELL PHONES, TRINIDAD FLAG, CLOCK, ETC. TOTAL VALUE ABOUT \$4,000US**

**THE VENEZUELAN THREATENED TO KILL MR. ROMMEL IF HE CALLED FOR HELP.**

**THE VENEZUELAN WERE ABOARD FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES.**

**AFTER THE ROBBERY THE PIROGUE HEADED OFF IN A S.W. DIRECTION, TOWARDS VENEZUELA.**

This is as reported to me at 11.20am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

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