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MINISTER WATTS WELCOMES NBA DRAFT PICK MALIQUE LEWIS ON COURTESY VISIT



Malique Lewis, and the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs Phillip Watts

The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, today received a courtesy visit from Trinidad and Tobago-born basketball player Malique Lewis, alongside his manager, Johnathan Weekes.

Lewis, a native of San Fernando, was selected by the Milwaukee Bucks as the 60th overall pick in the 2026 NBA Draft, marking a significant milestone in his professional basketball career and a proud moment for Trinidad and Tobago.



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During the meeting, Lewis reflected on his journey, sharing that he migrated from Trinidad and Tobago at the age of six and began playing basketball at age 16. He spoke candidly about his development in the sport and the discipline required to reach the professional level.

The young athlete reaffirmed his commitment to excellence, assuring Minister Watts of his continued focus and dedication. He emphasized that basketball is an integral part of his daily routine, with structured training sessions in both the mornings and evenings.

While in Trinidad and Tobago, Lewis indicated his intention to engage with local committees, share his experiences, and inspire young athletes. He also expressed appreciation for the opportunity to reconnect with his roots during his visit.

Lewis has been utilizing the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs (MSYA) Elite Training Facility in Tacarigua to maintain his training regimen during his stay.

Minister Watts commended Lewis for his achievements and expressed optimism that his success would serve as motivation for aspiring athletes across the nation.

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