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Award-winning panman jailed for fraud

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DELBERT HENRY, the first panman to win television's Scouting For Talent Award, was yesterday jailed for six months for falsely claiming that he was authorised by Carlos John to solicit donations on behalf of the Tourism and Industrial Development Company.

John is Tidco's chairman. Tobago-born Henry of McShine Lane, Laventille was jailed by Arima Senior

Magistrate Lianne Lee Kim for fraud.

Henry, 45, has 20 previous convictions and is currently serving a jail term for a fraudulent offence.

He was charged by PC Eustace Joseph of the Fraud Squad, Port of Spain for tendering a Republic Bank cheque on September 15 to Flambeau Diana Investment of 19B O'Meara Industrial Estate, Arima.

Henry, who won the Scouting award in 1981 and the World Steelband Soloists competitions in 1984 and 1986, received two quarts of Screen Printing Machine Ink val-

ued \$494 from this scam.

The singing talents of Henry also took him to the Fresh Water Yankees tent performing "Pan Gone" and recorded the song "Enough is Enough" for

the PNM party.

For next year's Carnival he has already recorded "Pan Holiday" for the steelbands and ironically "Respect and Honesty", a social commentary.