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MEDIA RELEASE

Two Charged in \$94.7M Drug Bust

Two men appeared before a Chaguanas Magistrate today, charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, after being arrested during a multi-million dollar drug bust in the Charlieville district, on August 12th 2020.

SELWYN MATHEWS, 56, of Chin Chin Road, Cunupia, and **ODANE ANDERSON**, 37, of Vistabella, San Fernando, were charged on Wednesday 2nd September, 2020 by Cpl Stevenson, of the Northern Division's Gang Investigations Unit.

The men were remanded into the custody and the matter adjourned to Friday 4th September, 2020.

Around 10:30 am on Wednesday 12th August, 2020, officers of the Central Intelligence Bureau, the Northern Division Gang Unit, the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF), with support from officers of the Customs and Excise Department and Port Security, intercepted a container at Kolahal Road, Charlieville, Chaguanas.

The container reportedly left the Port of Port of Spain on the same day. On searching the container, officers found 958 boxes containing a compressed plant like material resembling marijuana, which weighed 947.64 kilogrammes, with a street value of \$94,764,000.

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Eight persons were arrested and the sum of \$60,000 was also seized. Some of those arrested were subsequently released.

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