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MEDIA RELEASE

Six Arrested-Firearm, Ammo, Narcotics Seized in Operation Blue Line Exercises

Six suspects were arrested, as a firearm and varying quantities of illegal narcotics were seized during Operation Blue Line exercises conducted throughout various policing divisions, over the past 48 hours.

Between 3 a.m. and 9 a.m. today, a team of officers executed several search warrants in the Barataria Police District. The officers searched a bushy area at El Socorro Extension, with the assistance of the Canine Unit, where two plastic bags containing 140 grams of marijuana were found and seized.

The officers also proceeded to a premises located at Jojo Lane, El Socorro, where they executed a search warrant for firearms and ammunition. During the search, the officers found one black bag with several packets of cocaine, which when weighed amounted to 79 grams. Police seized the cocaine and arrested a 23-year-old suspect. Also, while searching a black Nissan AD Wagon at the said location, the officers found two clear packets containing cocaine, which amounted to 2.44 grams. The owner of the car, a 32-year-old man was arrested for the offence of Possession of Cocaine.

In the Central Division, around 7 p.m. yesterday, a team of officers proceeded to the Vendors Mall, Chaguanas, where a physical search was conducted on a known offender. The officers found one .38 Special Revolver fitted with five rounds of .38 special ammunition, and 110 grams of marijuana on his person. He was arrested, and the items were seized. Following the seizure and arrest, a search warrant was executed at the suspect's home at Calcutta Road No.2, where a comprehensive search was carried out on the premises. The officers found five grams of cocaine inside a barrel of clothes in a bedroom on the western side of the house.

Meanwhile, around 4:35 a.m. yesterday, in the Southern Division, a team of officers from the Mon Repos Police Station executed a search warrant for firearms and ammunition, at a premises located at De Nobreiga Street, Mon Repos. During the search, one of the officers observed a man attempting to flush an object down the toilet. However, the officer was able to retrieve the

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object, a clear plastic bag with a quantity of cocaine. The suspect was arrested and taken to the Mon Repos Police Station, where the cocaine was weighed and scaled at 22.18 grams. Several other homes were searched and two men from Pleasantville were arrested after they were found in possession of 153 grams of marijuana.

While conducting exercises yesterday, Inter-Agency Task Force officers received credible information and then proceeded to North Post Road, Diego Martin. There they searched under an abandoned vehicle, where they found a blue plastic bag containing a black plastic bag containing marijuana. PC Vaughn took the plastic bag to the Duncan Street Post, where the marijuana when weighed amounted to 241 grams.

Officers of the West End Police Station with the assistance of the Western Divisional Gang Unit, the Western Divisional Task Force, the Mounted and Canine Unit and the Western Divisional Traffic Unit searched drug blocks and open areas at Dillon Street, Gokool Street and surrounding areas yesterday. During the exercise, they found 110 grams of marijuana in a black plastic bag.

Enquiries are continuing.

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