



## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

### **\$12.3 million in Marijuana destroyed by Police in Moruga**

Southern Division Task Force (SDTF) has eradicated 12,200 fully grown trees and 2,000 seedlings in the Moruga district.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, an intelligence-led exercise was executed in the Moruga district by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), supervised by Insp (Ag.) Mohammed, the SDTF supervised by Cpls Bahadur and Phoolchan and the Air Support Unit supervised by Insp Rampalard.

The officers proceeded several miles into the forest of La Lune, Moruga, where they located three marijuana fields comprising of nine lots of land.

A total of 12,200 fully grown trees, 2000 seedlings along with one camp containing approximately ten kilos of dried marijuana were destroyed. The finds have a total street value of TT\$12,335,000.

Members of the public are reminded that if a person who has in his possession any dangerous drug is guilty of an offence and is liable—

- a) upon summary conviction to a fine of \$25,000 and to imprisonment for five years;
- b) upon conviction on indictment to a fine of \$50,000 and to imprisonment for a term which shall not exceed ten years but which shall not be less than five years.

### ***Dangerous Drugs Act, Section 5, Chapter 11:25***

Anyone with information that can lead to an arrest in this case is asked to contact the Southern Division Task Force at 652-3030 or

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