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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Firearms, Ammunition Narcotics Seized -6 Arrested**

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Over the past 36 hours, a series of strategically coordinated anti-crime operations across several policing divisions led to the seizure of four firearms, ammunition, narcotics leading to the arrest of several suspects.

Around 5:50 pm yesterday, during an **‘Operation Push Back’** exercise in the South Western Division, officers received credible information purporting that a suspect driving a white Nissan AD wagon, travelling along the SS Erin Road, Siparia was in possession of a firearm. PC Marshall spotted, then intercepted the said motor vehicle in the vicinity of the Siparia Magistrates’ Court. During a search, the officers found a Glock 27 Austria pistol fitted with a magazine in a side strap bag. Police seized the firearm and arrested the driver.

A search warrant was later executed at the Penal home of the 26-year-old suspect, where 73 high -grade marijuana plants in pots, with an approximate street value of \$200,000, and two pairs of vehicle registration plates were seized. PC Marshall is continuing enquiries.

Meanwhile, at 4:15 am today in the Eastern Division, a security guard on duty at a bar in Valencia, observed two persons entering a toilet stall. Hearing suspicious noises, he approached, identified himself, and searched the individuals. He discovered one Ruger Pistol with a magazine and 14 rounds of 9-millimetre ammunition on one of the men. The security guard confiscated the firearm, performed a citizen's arrest, and reported the incident to the Valencia Police who arrived on the scene, took possession of the firearm and arrested an 18-year-old suspect.

Also, during an anti-crime exercise in the Freeport Police District in the Central Division yesterday, officers received information then proceeded to Yaraba Road, Carlsen Field. Upon arrival, the officers spotted a man in dark clothing who fled upon seeing them, dropping a black and grey knapsack. Despite efforts to locate the man, he escaped. The officer took possession of

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the bag which contained one revolver with six rounds of .357 ammunition, together with five plastic packets containing 110.7 grams of marijuana.

Also, around 2:20 pm yesterday officers were on patrol along Cedar Hill Road, Claxton Bay, when they noticed a white Mitsubishi panel van. The driver's suspicious behaviour prompted PC Seecharan to stop the vehicle. Upon searching, officers found two rectangular packets of marijuana, weighing 1062 grams, in a black plastic bag in the vehicle. Officers seized the marijuana and arrested three men, who were taken to the Couva Police Station.

Additionally, in the North Eastern Division, officers responded to reports of suspicious persons at Upper 6th Avenue, Valley Drive, Malick. Upon arrival, they observed two masked men in dark clothing, who fled in different directions. Despite giving chase, the suspects escaped. A subsequent search of the area led to the discovery and seizure of one Sig Sauer P226 firearm, containing a magazine with 12 rounds of 9-millimetre ammunition.

In the Western Division, around 1:55 pm yesterday, officers observed a suspiciously parked Mazda 323 vehicle in Papier Village, Petit Valley. They discovered the vehicle was stolen from the Four Roads Police Station District earlier that day, and it was towed to the station for further investigations. Later, at 5:40 pm, officers responded to a report at Morne Coco Road, Petit Valley. Upon their arrival, they observed a man who looked in the direction of the officers then discarded a white plastic bag, which officers retrieved and found to contain 25 rounds of 12-gauge cartridges. The man was arrested and taken to the St. James Police Station.

Enquires are continuing into all matters.

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