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MEDIA RELEASE

Police & Defence Force Raid Uncovers Cannabis, Firearm, Ammunition and Arrest Three in Matelot

A joint operation conducted in the Matelot District on Friday, September 26th, 2025, resulted in the destruction of three illegal camps, the seizure of firearms, ammunition, a large quantity of cannabis, and the arrest of two wanted gang members.

The intelligence-led exercise took place between 11:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., targeting two Matelot men wanted by the Homicide Bureau of Investigations (Region 2) in connection with a murder investigation. Intelligence suggests both individuals are affiliated with the Matelot faction of a known gang and frequently retreat into remote forested areas to evade capture.

A team of officers journeyed approximately three miles into the forest, where they discovered a well-concealed camp. Upon approach, two armed suspects fled the scene. A subsequent search of the area led to the discovery of:

1,300 fully grown marijuana plants (estimated street value: TT\$1.5 million)

One homemade shotgun

Four 12-gauge cartridges

Thirty-two rounds of .380 caliber ammunition

Nineteen rounds of 9mm ammunition

Ten pounds of dried marijuana (estimated street value: TT\$68,000)

One male suspect, identified as a resident of Cemetery Street, Matelot, was found hiding among the cannabis plants and was arrested on site.

During continued searches, officers located a second camp where another homemade shotgun, loaded with a single 12-gauge round, was recovered.

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This firearm was seized and handed over to the Sub-Divisional Officer in charge of the Matelot Police Station.

The operation was spearheaded by Senior Superintendent Edwards of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), coordinated by Assistant Superintendent Lynch, and supervised by Sgt. Balbickram. The team included Cpl. Mahase, Cpl. Thomas, and members of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force – Special Forces (TTDF-SF).

Investigations are ongoing.

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