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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **\$500,000 Bail for Officer Charged with Transferring Firearm and Possession of Excess Ammunition**

**POLICE CONSTABLE #18797 SHELDON MIERES** was granted bail in the sum of \$500,000, when he appeared before Justice of the Peace, Stephen Young, at the St Joseph Police Station on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2021.

The officer, who was last attached to the North Eastern Division was charged with the transfer of firearms contrary to Section 9 of the Firearm Act Chapter 16:01, transfer of ammunition contrary to Section 9 of the Firearm Act Chapter 16:01, contravening the conditions of the Firearm User License(FUL) and being in possession of five rounds of .40 ammunition in excess of his authorization. The officer was also found to have contravened the conditions of his FUL as he was in possession of 26 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition in excess of his authorization.

**PC MIERES** was arrested when officers from the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) and the Southern Division Task Force, acted on intelligence obtained from the Strategic Services Agency (SSA) and intercepted a vehicle on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, in which three Police Officers were occupants. Officers of the Professional Standards Bureau conducted enquiries, during which the homes of the three officers were searched for firearms and ammunition. Nothing of evidential value was found at the homes of two of the Police Officers.

However, the search of PC Mieres' house allegedly revealed 80 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition and 40 rounds of .40 ammunition. When PC Mieres' vehicle was searched, officers allegedly found one Spring Field Hellcat pistol with two Aero magazines and 26 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition, together with his FUL booklet. A check of the booklet revealed that PC Mieres had five rounds of .40 ammunition and 26 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition in excess of what is approved in his Firearm User License. On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2021 PC Mieres was charged for the various offences by Insp Sylvan of the Professional Standards Bureau.

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PC Mieres is due to appear at the Tunapuna Magistrates' Court on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August to answer to the four charges.

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