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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### Over \$29M in High-Grade Cannabis Seized at Sea

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), working in close collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG) and international partners, intercepted a vessel in the early hours of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2025, leading to the seizure of over \$29 million worth of high grade cannabis.

According to reports, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2025, a specialized unit of the TTPS received credible intelligence, indicating that a large consignment of high-grade Colombian “Creepy” marijuana was being transported from Venezuela to Trinidad aboard a fishing vessel. When the information was corroborated by international counterparts, the specialized TTPS unit immediately coordinated with the TTCG, alerting them to the movement of the vessel.

At approximately 3 a.m. today, TTCG patrols intercepted a pirogue off the Point Fortin coastline. During the operation, the occupants of the vessel attempted to evade capture, throwing several large garbage bags overboard. Three individuals escaped into the sea, while two persons; a Trinidadian and a Latin American remained on board and were detained. The officers seized nine crocus bags containing 268 brown-wrapped packets of cannabis from the sea around the vessel.

The seized narcotics have an estimated combined weight of 268 kilograms and a street value of \$29,412,196. Both the detained suspects, along with the vessel and the exhibits, were conveyed to Staubles Bay and handed over to police officers for further enquiries. The search continues for the three fugitives who remain at large.

Commissioner of Police, Allister Guevarro, commended the operation, stating:

“This successful interception highlights the strength of the TTPS’s intelligence apparatus and the effectiveness of precision policing when supported by our regional and international partners. The illegal narcotics trade is a transnational threat that undermines security across the entire Caribbean, and no single man, nor island can combat it alone. This operation demonstrates the results we can achieve when agencies work together and share intelligence. We will continue to build on these relationships to protect our borders and dismantle criminal networks that are the nucleus of most of the serious violence and crime we face in our country. Together we will safeguard the people of Trinidad and Tobago.”

Investigations are ongoing.

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