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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **17 Arrested, 35 Ticketed in DUI and Speeding Crackdown**

Seventeen motorists were charged for Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I) and \$35,000 in fixed penalty notices issued to motorists for exceeding the speed limit in several exercises over the weekend.

In the first incident, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 officers of Traffic Branch Road Policing Task Force and South Highway Patrol Unit arrested and charged 11 motorists after the Experience Fete at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy for D.U.I offences, namely driving a motor vehicle with a Breath Alcohol Levels exceeding the prescribed legal limit of 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath contrary to Section 70A(1) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act Chapter 48:50.

This exercise was led by Assistant Commissioner of Police (Ag.), Specialised Support, Odette Lewis and Senior Superintendent (Ag.), Aroon Ramkhalawan.

In a separate incident, the Port-of-Spain Division D.U.I Team arrested and charged six motorists for breath alcohol levels over the legal limit in roving D.U.I checkpoints across the Capital. This exercise was led by Senior Superintendent (Ag.), Renzy Ramdeen and Superintendent (Ag.), Harnarine Rampath.

The Traffic Branch Road Policing Task Force then conducted robust speed trap exercises along the Uriah Butler Highway on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020. There, the officers issued 35 Fixed Penalty Tickets totalling \$35,000 to motorists who were in contravention of the 100kph speed limit.

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For the year thus far, the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) has recorded 10 fatal road traffic incidents and 11 road traffic deaths.

The TTPS wishes to take this opportunity to strongly urge motorists to obey traffic and road safety regulations, especially during the ongoing festive Carnival period as the Commissioner of Police, Gary Griffith, has mandated increased anti-drunk driving, speed control and general traffic enforcement exercises nationwide.

The motoring public is also reminded to ensure that they have valid driving documents ready for production to officers conducting road check exercises and to always ensure that a sober, alert, responsible, well-rested driver is in control of the wheel and that all vehicle occupants wear their seatbelts.

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