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MEDIA RELEASE

CoP, POSD Heads Meet with Mayor and DOMA

The capital city of Port of Spain will, with immediate effect, benefit from heightened security measures, including increased night-time patrols and covert and overt operations, aimed at dealing with the recent spate of incidents of breakings and larceny against businesses.

This was the commitment from Commissioner of Police, Gary Griffith, at a virtual meeting held with the Mayor of Port of Spain, His Worship, Joel Martinez, President of the Downtown Owners and Merchants' Association, Gregory Aboud, and senior officers of the Port of Spain Division, on Thursday 8th October, 2020, at the Police Administration Building, Port of Spain.

Commissioner Griffith told the participants that among the measures he intends to implement immediately, are the use of Emergency Response Patrols for night-time surveillance of downtown Port of Spain, sustained anti-crime operations and intelligence-driven investigations to ascertain the levels of organisation within the criminal elements.

He also suggested to Mr. Aboud, the possibility of linking storefront security cameras to the Operational Command Centre for continuous monitoring, early detection of criminal behaviour and rapid response to threats.

Mr. Aboud expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Griffith for hosting the meeting, stating that in addition to the worrying rise in numbers of breakings and larceny incidents, business owners have been seeing a new level of organisation and sophistication in the

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crimes. He urged the Commissioner and the TTPS to continue the good job they are doing and stated his willingness to get all business owners on board with prosecutorial efforts against offenders.

His Worship Martinez meanwhile, commended the TTPS for its efforts. He said continued collaboration with the Municipal Police will yield positive results in keeping Port of Spain crime-free.

Last night, three male suspects who broke into a supermarket on George Street, Port of Spain, were caught inside the establishment by officers of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

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