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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Rifle, Marijuana and Two Stolen Vehicles Recovered During Anti-Crime Exercises**

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A rifle and a quantity of marijuana were seized by officers of the Arima Municipal Task Force during an anti-crime exercise, conducted in the Northern Division yesterday.

The exercise was conducted between 3 pm and 7 pm, on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2023, during which officers of the Arima Municipal Police and Task Force, acting on information, proceeded to Samaroo Village, where they conducted a search of a drain along the Priority Bus Route.

There, they discovered two black bags containing an AR-15 rifle and approximately 1.4 kilogrammes of marijuana.

In the North Eastern Division, officers conducted an Operation Grand Slam exercise between 4 pm and 6 pm, yesterday in the Santa Cruz district.

During the exercise, officers of the Santa Cruz and San Juan Criminal Investigations Departments (CID), conducted investigations into a report of Larceny Motor vehicle which occurred in the Petit Bourg district yesterday.

The officers then proceeded to North Coast Road, where they recovered the white Toyota Aqua motor vehicle.

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Meanwhile, in the Western Division, a 43-year-old Carenage man was arrested by officers of the St. James CID, Western Division Task Force and Western Division Gang and Intelligence Unit (WDGIU) during an intelligence-led exercise conducted yesterday.

The suspect was wanted in connection with several breakings in the St. James district.

And, officers of the WDGIU, West End CID, WDTF and Western Division Crime Scene Unit, acting on intelligence, conducted an exercise between 5:30 pm and 9:30 pm, yesterday.

During the exercise, the officers recovered one blue Honda Vezel motor vehicle which had been reported stolen in the Arima district in April 2023.

A 31-year-old Diego Martin man was arrested in connection with the incident. A quantity of cash was also seized from the suspect's home.

Investigations are ongoing into all of the above matters.

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