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Eastern Gang Intel Arrest 2 Alleged Marijuana Cultivators, Seize Rifle, Ammo Following Surveillance Op

Officers of the Eastern Division Gang and Intelligence Unit (EDGIU) yesterday arrested two suspected marijuana cultivators, destroyed thousands of full-grown marijuana trees and seized a rifle and several rounds of ammunition.

The men are now detained and are being questioned by EDGIU officers.

According to police reports, between the hours of 4 am and 6 pm on February 8th, 2024, EDGIU officers as well as officers attached to the Multi-Operational Police Section (MOPS) continued operations into a surveillance exercise during which they proceeded over 12 kilometers into a forested area of Romain Trace, Guaico, Tamana, where they allegedly encountered a camp with several amenities.

The team of police officers also observed two men tending to a marijuana field with approximately 1024 full-grown marijuana trees and many fertilisers on an estimated four acres of land.

Officers subsequently swooped down on the duo who were immediately arrested and the narcotics destroyed.

Police also allegedly discovered and seized a Draco Rifle fitted with a laser and seven rounds of 7.62 ammunition.

EDGIU is continuing investigations.

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