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Two Held, Shotgun, Cocaine and Cannabis Seized in Weekend Exercises

Two men were arrested and a firearm and quantities of cocaine and cannabis seized by officers during ongoing weekend anti-crime exercises, conducted in the Port of Spain and Central Divisions.

In the first incident, Central Division officers conducted an exercise between 9:30 pm and 11:40 pm, on Friday 13th September, 2024, during which they proceeded to Railway Road, Caroni, where they observed two men, one of whom was holding a shotgun.

Upon seeing the officers the men ran off, however, one 20-year-old suspect was held with one shotgun loaded with one 12-gauge cartridge. A second cartridge was found in his pants pocket.

In the second incident, officers of the Inter-Agency Task Force, along with personnel of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force conducted an exercise in the Belmont district between 3 pm and 6 pm, on Saturday 14th, September, 2024.

During the exercise, the officers attempted to stop a blue Hyundai Elantra motor vehicle which was proceeding at a high rate of speed. The vehicle subsequently crashed a short distance away and the driver, a 20-year-old of Arima was held.

A search of the vehicle resulted in officers finding six, large plastic packets containing quantities of cocaine and cannabis.

The cocaine weighed 1.12 kilogrammes and has an estimated street value of \$65,000, while the cannabis weighed 3.2 kilogrammes and has an estimated street value of \$256,000.

Investigations are ongoing into the two above matters.

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