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### 18 Venezuelans, 14 Chinese Nationals detained at Curepe Bar

Police are currently working with the Immigration Division to ascertain the status of 32 immigrants who were detained for breaching the Public Health Ordinance Regulations earlier this morning.

This follows a raid at a sports bar along the Southern Main Road, Curepe, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, during which officers of the Northern Division Task Force Area West (NDTFAW) and the St. Joseph Police Station Criminal Investigations Department (CID) found a quantity of cocaine hidden in a bathroom stall at the bar.

Acting on information, a party of officers went to the location where 18 Venezuelans and 14 Chinese nationals were found to be in contravention of the Public Health Ordinance Regulations.

They were arrested and taken into police custody pending further investigations.

In an unrelated matter, acting on information, the same party of officers, led by Insp Hernandez, Sgt Thomas and Cpl Ramcharan along with the officers of the Canine Unit, proceeded to an open lot at Waterfall Road, Maracas, St. Joseph, where one homemade shotgun was found.

Anyone with information that can lead to the arrest of a suspect in this find is strongly urged to contact the St. Joseph Police Station at 662-4038, or call the police hotlines at 999 and 555.

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