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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **Firearms Seized, Cannabis Field Destroyed, and Multiple Arrests Made during Nationwide Anti-Crime Exercises**

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) executed a series of coordinated anti-crime operations across multiple policing divisions on Friday 1st August, 2025, under the Emergency Powers Regulations 2025. These operations resulted in several significant arrests, the recovery of firearms and ammunition, and the destruction of illegal narcotics with an estimated street value of over \$125,000 TT.

In Tobago, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., officers of the Tobago Divisional Task Force, led by PC Thorpe, discovered a cannabis plantation approximately 360 meters off Northside Road, Castara. The field, which spanned approximately one lot of land, contained 250 cannabis plants. Officers also found a camp area and a drying rack, all of which were destroyed on site.

Based on intelligence information received during hybrid patrol duties, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. officers proceeded to an abandoned wooden structure at Rose Hill, Laventille, where they recovered an M4 assault rifle fitted with a magazine containing 26 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition, along with a magazine. No arrests were made in connection with this find, however, PC Williams is continuing investigations.

Officers also responded to reports of armed men at a block party in Kelly Village. There, they observed a male suspect, 38 years old, of Eastern Quarry Road, acting in a suspicious manner, the suspect looked in the direction of the officers and attempted to flee into a white concrete structure but was pursued and apprehended. A silver and black firearm with a magazine was found concealed in his waistband. He was arrested and cautioned, a search of his premises was conducted under the Emergency Powers Regulations, no further illegal items found. He was taken to the Besson Street Police Station and remains in custody.

110 grams of cannabis were found in a black plastic bag concealed inside a concrete block in the Belmont area.

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In the Mon Repos District, officers arrested two suspects; a 34-year-old man for possession of 120 grams of cannabis and a 17-year-old boy on robbery enquiries.

Officers also recovered an AR-15 rifle wrapped in cling wrap and hidden behind an abandoned sofa in El Socorro.

One suspect, who was found in Penal in possession of an illegal Beretta pistol and ammunition was also arrested.

In Eastern Trinidad, raids between July 31 and August 1 led to the arrests of four individuals for various offences, including possession of ammunition, larceny enquiries, and resisting arrest. One suspect in Toco was also detained for possession of 81.3 grams of cannabis.

### **Road Traffic Operations**

Between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2025, a road traffic operation was conducted in the Arima business district, resulting in the issuance of 19 fixed penalty notices for offences including:

- Driving without valid inspection or insurance
- Parking violations
- Use of defective tyres
- Breach of traffic signs

Additionally, stop-and-search efforts in Maloney, La Horquetta, and San Rafael resulted in two fixed penalty notices being issued.

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