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Police Intercept Man in West Trinidad, Seize Gun, Drum Magazine, Ammo

A 42-year-old man is currently assisting detectives with their investigations into the seizure of a drum magazine and a quantity of ammunition on Friday in Richplain, Diego Martin.

The suspect, who resides in Unity Road, Richplain, Diego Martin, was intercepted by Western Division Task Force (WDTF) police officers, who were responding to a report of men armed with guns in the community.

According to police reports, on Friday night, WDTF police officers were deployed to investigate the report when they intercepted a white Nissan Tiida. While searching the vehicle, police officers heard several loud explosions a short distance away and responded.

Upon arrival at the location, police officers observed a man with a light-coloured backpack on his back who looked in the direction of the approaching marked police vehicle and who began running up a stairway.

The lawmen alighted from the police vehicle and gave chase, subsequently detaining the suspect a short distance away.

A search was conducted on his person during which police officers allegedly found and seized one black coloured drum shaped magazine containing 14 rounds of nine millimetre ammunition from inside of the backpack.

The man was immediately arrested and is currently housed at the St James Police Station along with the seized items. Pc Mc Clean is continuing enquiries.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated incident, Four Roads Criminal Investigations Department (CID) and the Western Division Gang and Intelligence Unit, responding to planned criminal activities, proceeded to an area along La Horquette Valley Road, Glencoe, in the vicinity of Riverside Terrace where an extensive search was conducted.

The operation resulted in one silver Rossi .38 special pistol and two rounds of apparent .38 ammunition being found and seized.

The firearm and ammunition are being traced by crime scene investigators as enquiries remain active.

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