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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **"No Shield for Corruption: TTPS Officer Arrested in Drug Evidence Tampering"**

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) confirms that following a meticulous internal investigation, a serving police officer has been arrested and formally charged with misbehaviour in public office. The officer is scheduled to appear before the court on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

This investigation was initiated after a discrepancy was discovered in narcotics exhibits lodged at the Barataria Police Station following a successful anti-narcotics operation conducted in the Macoya Industrial Area. The original seizure was executed with precision and professionalism by officers of the DCP Operations Unit and resulted in the arrest of three individuals and the recovery of 89 packets of suspected cannabis.

Upon discovery of inconsistencies in the exhibit count, the Commissioner of Police immediately ordered a full investigation. Officers of the Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) responded with diligence and resolve, conducting a thorough review of available evidence. Their work led to the identification of a suspect and the uncovering of a deliberate attempt to tamper with evidence.

In an immediate response, COP Allister Guevarro stated that "Corruption will find no shelter in this organization. I will continue to stand firmly behind the thousands of officers who serve with honour, but I will go all out to remove those who seek to stain our noble occupation. Integrity is not something that can be taken, it is something you choose to give away. And when you do, you also give up your place among us".

The COP reiterated that this incident is a stark reminder that the badge is not a shield for dishonour but rather it is a symbol of trust, earned daily through service and sacrifice. To those who believe they can exploit their position for personal gain, let this serve as notice that we are watching, we are acting, and we are not afraid to clean our own house".

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The COP then praised the officers who executed the original seizure and commended the PSB investigators for their commitment to justice and institutional integrity, thereby protecting the reputation of every honest officer who wears the uniform.

COP Guevarro noted that “If you’re not proud of the badge you wear, then feel free to hand it in before it’s taken away from you. Let this be a turning point; not just in accountability, but in reaffirming the values that define the TTPS.

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