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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **TTPS Exercises Lead to 16 Arrests, the Seizure of 3 Firearms, Ammunition and Drugs**

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Exercises conducted yesterday across five divisions have led to the arrest of 16 persons. Three firearms were also seized along with a quantity of ammunition and drugs.

Northern Division Task Force officers led a coordinated exercise in the Central Division during which one man was arrested and a Taurus pistol with 15 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition was seized.

Officers of the South Western Division arrested two men after stopping a vehicle they were occupying during an exercise in Palo Seco. They allegedly found two homemade shotguns during a search of the vehicle. The 53-year-old driver and 42-year-old passenger were subsequently arrested for Possession of Firearm for the Purpose of Trafficking and taken to the Santa Flora Police Station.

A 22-year-old man was also arrested in a separate incident by officers of the South Western Division Task Force. He was held after trying to elude officers and 1158 grammes of cannabis were allegedly found in a bag he had discarded while fleeing. He was subsequently charged for Possession of Marijuana for the Purpose of Trafficking. He is expected to appear at the Point Fortin Magistrates' Court on September 18, 2023.

Five people were arrested in the Southern Division for various offences. A 74-year-old Princes Town man was arrested and charged for Possession of Marijuana for the purpose of Trafficking after officers allegedly found 1.1 kilogrammes of marijuana at his home. Two men were also arrested for drug-related offences, while a Moruga resident was arrested for Possession of camouflage clothing. Two New Grant residents are also assisting police in relation to a report of kidnapping by deceit and inflicting grievous bodily harm to cause grievous bodily harm.

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Meanwhile, in the Eastern Division, a Biche resident was arrested and charged for Possession of Cocaine. He is expected to appear at the Rio Claro Magistrates' Court on September 18, 2023. A 29-year-old man is also expected to appear in court after officers allegedly found two 12-gauge cartridges at his home. He was arrested and charged for Possession of Ammunition.

An Operation 'Blue Line' Exercise conducted in the Northern Division Area North between the hours of 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm led to the arrest of five persons. Two of the men were arrested in relation to house breaking enquiries while three were arrested for Trafficking in Marijuana.

Enquiries are continuing.

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