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MEDIA RELEASE

\$22M worth of Marijuana destroyed

Two men were arrested for possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, and 10,000 marijuana trees, 250 pounds of cured marijuana, and 5,000 seedlings, were found and destroyed by officers of the Mayaro Criminal Investigations Department Task Force during an anti-crime exercise conducted on Tuesday 15th September, 2020.

The exercise was coordinated by Snr. Supt. Aguilal and supervised by ASP Jankie, Sgt. Ramlakhan, Ag Sgt. Bhim, Ag Cpls Neaves and Dwarika.

Whilst on mobile patrol in Cedar Grove, the officers had cause to stop a black Nissan Almera vehicle driven by 19 year -old **Antonio Mohammed**, of St Ann's Road, Mayaro, with 22 year-old **Lorenzo Rahim**, of Grand Lagoon, Road East Mayaro. The officers conducted a search of the vehicle, where they allegedly found a large plastic bag containing 1.3 kg of marijuana. The two suspects were arrested and charged for possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

As the anti-crime exercise continued, the officers based on information, proceeded to an agricultural plot of land in Gregorio Trace, Cedar Grove, Mayaro, where they saw a man tending to a quantity of marijuana. The officers attempted to arrest him, but he ran away. Twenty-three and a half kilogrammes of marijuana were found and seized. The officers found and destroyed two marijuana fields, one with 10,000 fully grown marijuana trees, and the other with 250 pounds of cured marijuana and 5,000 seedlings. The total value of the marijuana find, has been estimated at of \$22 million.

PC Sarabjit is continuing investigations.

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See Accompanying Photo

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