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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **6 Illegal Venezuelans Detained, Marijuana Seized in Siparia**

Six illegal Venezuelans who were detained by Police in Siparia yesterday. They were held following a routine patrol in the Siparia district.

Police also seized a quantity of marijuana and arrested two men in a separate exercise.

In the first incident, at 11.15 am, officers attached to the South-Western Division Task Force (SWDTF) were on mobile patrol along the S.S Erin Road, Siparia, in the vicinity of China Gardens, when they observed a silver Toyota Corolla at the side of the roadway with a number of persons exiting the vehicle. SWDTF officers intercepted the group and discovered six illegal Venezuelans – four males, a female and a child. All six, including the driver, a 39-year-old citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, was detained pending further investigations. The group was taken to be medically examined and quarantined before being handed over to Immigration officials to be repatriated to their homeland.

In a separate exercise, SWDTF officers proceeded to several areas within the Division where they arrested a 25-year-old man for possession of marijuana and a 29-year-old man for an outstanding warrant. Officers also found a quantity of marijuana in an open lot at Thompson Trace, Quarry Village, Siparia.

Investigations are continuing into these matters.

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