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MEDIA RELEASE

AR-15 Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol, Ammo, Narcotics Seized

Police seized an AR-15 Rifle, one shotgun, one pistol, ammunition and a quantity of illegal narcotics during anti-crime exercises conducted throughout various divisions yesterday.

During an Operation Horizon exercise conducted in the Western Division, around 11:15 pm yesterday, officers proceeded to Western Main Road, Chaguaramas, and on reaching the vicinity of the Military Museum, they intercepted a silver Nissan Serena, occupied by two men and one woman. Upon searching the vehicle, the officers found one black and white duffle bag containing 13 rectangular packages containing cocaine, one clear plastic bag containing cocaine and one rectangular package containing marijuana. The officers also found one Taurus revolver loaded with two rounds of .38 Spl ammunition, one multi-coloured AR-15 Rifle, two AR-15 magazines, 60 rounds of 5.56-mm ammunition and 170 rounds of 9-mm ammunition. The three occupants of the vehicle were arrested and taken to the Carenage Police Station pending further enquiries.

The exercise was sanctioned by COP Erla Christopher and coordinated by ACP Thompson and Supt Balkaran and was spearheaded by the Coastal and Air Support Unit led by Asp Walker and Insp Matas.

In the North Eastern Division, officers proceeded to Pitch Road, Morvant and upon arrival, they searched an empty lot of land where several packages of marijuana wrapped in clear plastic were found, which when weighed amounted to over 200 grams. A 40-year-old man, from Pitch Road, Morvant, was also detained as he fit the description of a suspect involved in a Shooting with Intent incident, in the Romain Lands area. When officers searched the suspect, they found a transparent plastic bag containing 28 grams of marijuana. The suspect was brought to the Morvant Police Station for questioning.

The officers then proceeded to Small Street, 2nd Caledonia, where they checked a dirt track and found an AR-15 rifle magazine and ammunition under a sheet of galvanised steel. The officers then proceeded to the Eastern Main Road, 2nd Caledonia, where several small wooden shops were searched. The officers found several small packets of marijuana in one of the shops. A 41-year-old was arrested and taken to the Morvant Police Station.

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Eastern Division officers conducted a drug block and house search exercise in the Toco district yesterday. Around 1:35 pm officers executed a search warrant for illegal firearms and ammunition at the home located at Toco Main Road, Balandra. When they searched a bedroom on the eastern side of the house, they found one 12-gauge cartridge inside a chest of drawers, while one homemade shotgun was found under a galvanised sheet in the yard. Cpl Andrews seized the items, and a man was arrested and conveyed to the Toco Police Station.

The exercise was coordinated by Snr Supt Khan and Insp Sankar, supervised by Sgt Edwards and included police officers attached at the Toco Police Station and the Canine Unit.

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