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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **5 Arrested, 3 Firearms, Grenade, Ammo Recovered, Narcotics Seized**

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Police arrested five persons, recovered three firearms, along with ammunition, and seized a quantity of narcotics during exercises conducted in various divisions over the past 48 hours.

Between 11 pm on March 14, 2024, and 9 am on March 15, 2024, officers of the Central Division, including Freeport CID and Warrants Section, conducted an exercise in several known drug blocks. During the exercise, a search was conducted of a bushy area, near the residence of a known offender, and a black revolver containing five rounds of .38 ammunition was found, along with 925 grams of marijuana. Enquiries are continuing into this find.

Also during the exercise, four persons from Connector Road, Carlsen Field, and Chase Village, were arrested for various offences, including possession of cocaine, possession of an apparatus, and outstanding warrants.

In the North Eastern Division, Officers of Santa Cruz CID, Charge Room, North Eastern Division Task Force, North Eastern Division Guard Unit and K9, conducted anti-crime exercises between 5 am and 10 am in the Upper Santa Cruz area. During the exercise the officers conducted a search along the riverbank, near Providence Gardens, Cantaro Village, where they discovered one black object appearing to be a grenade, along with plant-like material, resembling marijuana. The officers contacted the Explosive Detection and Disposal Unit who visited the scene, rendered the device safe, and took possession of the explosive device. PC Boisson is continuing enquiries into this find.

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While in the Southern Division, at approximately 10:30 pm on March 14, 2024, PC Seepersad, PC Baldeo, and PC Greenidge were on mobile patrol when they responded to a transmission and proceeded to Warden Street Gasparillo. While there, the officers interviewed several persons and observed a man standing in a yard a short distance away. The officers identified themselves and approached the man who began to behave suspiciously, holding the left pocket of his trousers. The officers conducted a search of his person and found a black metal object bearing the marking Keltic and a magazine containing seven rounds of ammunition. The officers ascertained that the man, a 46-year-old from Warden Road, Gasparillo, was not the holder of a Firearm User's Licence. He was then arrested and conveyed to the Marabella Police Station.

Additionally, a firearm was also recovered by officers of the Northern Division, while on exercise between 1 pm and 4 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Acting on information, the officers proceeded to Upper Max Lane, Mt Pleasant, Arima, and searched a bushy area behind a banana tree, where they found an L-shaped object resembling a firearm. The item was seized and PC Mohammed is continuing enquires into the find.

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