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MEDIA RELEASE

Prisoners Recaptured, Guns, Ammunition and Narcotics Seized

Police captured two escaped prisoners in separate incidents, while the crack down on illegal firearms continued in earnest, as three firearms and a quantity of ammunition were seized during the weekend.

Around 10:30 pm, on Sunday 20th March, 2022, several units responded to a report of a prison break at Golden Grove Prison, Arouca. They included Air Support Mobile, North Central Task Force, Northern Division Task Force, Northern Division ERP, North Central ERP. Police conducted several searches in the surrounding areas which led to the recapture of one escapee at Trincity Boulevard in the vicinity of Dinsley Government School. The recaptured prisoner was arrested and taken to the Arouca Police Station. A man hunt is currently underway in an effort to locate the other four escaped prisoners.

Meanwhile, in the Southern Division, around 7:45 pm yesterday, based on information received, officers conducted an exercise during which a vehicle was intercepted in the vicinity of the St. Joseph Village traffic lights, along the San Fernando by-pass. As a result, a prisoner from Siparia, who escaped from the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex, Mt Hope, was recaptured and was later conveyed to the St. Joseph Police Station. Additionally, three men are currently in police custody in connection with enquiries into homicides.

On Sunday 20th, March, 2022, a man was charged with murder and other firearm offences in connection with the death of Mandela Mason, which occurred on 23rd November, 2021, in the Besson Street Police District.

An off-duty officer attached to the Guard Unit at the Police Academy came under gun-fire as he foiled a robbery in Trincity on Friday 18th March, 2022. During the incident, the officer discharged his firearm and the suspects crashed their “get away” vehicle onto the pavement and fled. However, officers of the

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Homicide Bureau of Investigations, Region Two, who responded to the report, captured one of the suspects and recovered several of the stolen items.

Meanwhile, during an anti-crime exercise conducted in the Fyzabad district in the South Western Division, yesterday, a search warrant was executed at house located on Dubarry Street. A 55-year-old man from Penal was arrested for trafficking in marijuana, disorderly behaviour and resisting arrest, while a 29-year-old man from Erin was arrested on enquiries into kidnapping. Three other men were arrested for possession of a Glock pistol loaded with an extended magazine, possession of ammunition (29 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition) and possession of camouflage.

In a separate exercise, one man was arrested and a pistol and quantity of ammunition seized, during an anti-crime exercise, conducted in Western Division on Saturday night. Officers of the Western Division Task Force, were on mobile patrol along Alfred Richards Street, St. James, when they had cause to stop and search a man, which resulted in the seizure of one Glock pistol loaded with 15 rounds of ammunition. The 40-year-old suspect of the area was arrested in connection with the find.

Two persons were also arrested in the Eastern Division after officers seized a homemade shotgun with one round 12-gauge cartridge on Sunday.

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