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MEDIA RELEASE

Twenty- Two Arrested – Firearms, Ammunition and Narcotics Seized during Anti-Crime Exercises in Various Divisions

Twenty-two persons have been arrested, four firearms seized, a quantity of ammunition and narcotics seized during anti-crime exercises across several policing divisions within the last twenty-four hours.

Was seized and when

In the Port of Spain Division, officers during a road check and intelligence led exercise conducted between the hours of 4:00pm to 8:35pm yesterday, went to an abandoned house in the Serraneau Road, Belmont area. During the exercise officers observed a clear jar on a window ledge containing marijuana, the drug was seized and when weighed, amounted to 30 grams. Further investigations led to the discovery of ten rounds of ammunition, seven rounds -5.56 ammunition, and 3- rounds, 9mm ammunition. The officers took possession of the ammunition and is continuing enquiries.

Meanwhile, officers of the Eastern Division, based on extensive prior surveillance, proceeded to Eastern Main Valencia, where they intercepted a silver Nissan Versa, driven by a 31-year-old suspect of Valencia. A search of the vehicle was conducted and 2.2 kilograms of Colombian grade of marijuana was found and seized. The drug had an estimated street value of \$241,443.00 TTD. The driver was arrested and along with the narcotics conveyed to the Sangre Grande Police Station.

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Around 8:00 pm, the police party continued their investigations which led the officers to Farm Road, Sangre Grande, where a thorough search of an open bushy area, led to the discovery of one black AR15 assault rifle along with five rounds of 5.56 ammunition. Also in the Eastern Division during drug block exercises, officers found and seized a homemade shotgun, twenty feet in a bushy area at Fitts Road, Biche. PC Bachoo is continuing enquiries. Five persons were also arrested for various offences including, the offence of disorderly behavior, Possession of Cannabis (66 grams), Possession of an offensive weapon, Robbery and shooting offences. One man was arrested for the offence of obscene language.

During a roving exercise in Arima, conducted by officers attached to the Northern Division, a man was arrested for assaulting an officer as well as using obscene language while another was arrested for enquiries relative to a shooting incident in December 2023. Additionally, four persons were arrested for offences including Driving with no Driver Permit, no Certificate of Insurance, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of a Dangerous Drug and Possession of Cocaine. One man was also arrested in the Piarco District for the offence of possession of apparatus.

In the South Western Division, during Operation Safe Streets, fifteen persons were arrested relative to outstanding warrants. A 27-year-old was also arrested for the use of obscene language, while one man was arrested for Disorderly Behaviour. Officers also seized a 12 Gauge shotgun along with 10 rounds of ammunition in a vehicle. The driver was arrested and is expected to be charged for the offence.

Officers in the Southern Division arrested two suspects for possession of Marijuana.

A 20-year-old suspect, in the North Eastern Division was arrested for House Breaking with Intent. Officers also found and seized sixteen

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marijuana plants on an empty lot of land along 1st Street, San Juan, in the vicinity of 1st Avenue. The drug when weighed, amounted to 466 grams. No one was arrested in connection with this find.

And finally, in the Central Division, officers arrested a 24-year-old man for possession of a Browning Pistol with a magazine containing seven rounds of .380 ammunition. He was arrested and conveyed to the Couva Police Station. Officers while on a Roving Exercise Duty also intercepted a Kia Rio and arrested the driver who was in possession of 48 grams of Cocaine.

Enquiries are ongoing in these matters.

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