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Police Arrest 6, Seize 3 Firearms and a Quantity of Drugs During Anti-Crime Exercises

Anti-crime exercises across three divisions yesterday resulted in the arrest of six persons along with the seizure of three firearms and a quantity of drugs.

One man was arrested, and two firearms were seized during an intelligence-led exercise conducted by officers of the Southern Division Gang & Intelligence Unit yesterday.

During the execution of a search warrant at a home in Retrench Village, they allegedly found a Glock 19 pistol with one magazine and 15 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition along with a Smith and Wesson M&P pistol and one magazine. A 28-year-old man was arrested in connection with the find.

Officers of the North Eastern Division Task Force arrested a 21year-old man during an exercise conducted yesterday in the Morvant, Barataria, and San Juan Districts. Officers searched a group of people, including the man, after observing them gathered along Laventille Road, San Juan. They allegedly discovered a firearm while searching his bag. The man, who resides in the area, was arrested and taken to the San Juan Police Station.

During the exercise, officers also seized a quantity of marijuana while searching an abandoned vehicle along Maraj Street, San Juan.

Four persons are also in police custody following exercises in the Penal and Santa Flora districts, yesterday. Two men, both labourers from Penal were arrested after police, based on information received, conducted surveillance at Sunrees Road Junction, Charlo Village, Penal. The 39-year-old man was arrested for Trafficking in Cocaine and Possession of Cannabis, while the 59-year-old was arrested for Possession of Cocaine. PC Steele is continuing enquiries. Around 3:30 pm, officers proceeding to execute a search warrant at a home in Palo Seco, observed the home's occupant standing along La Salle Street with another man allegedly conducting an exchange. Upon seeing the police vehicle, one of the men ran making good his escape. The 36-year-old named in the warrant was searched and a quantity of cannabis, a small digital scale, and TT\$1,400 were allegedly found. He was arrested for Trafficking in Cannabis. Additional quantities of the drug were also allegedly found at the man's home upon execution of the search warrant. PC Sahadeo is continuing enquiries.

The execution of another search warrant at a home in Penal resulted in the arrest of a 38-year-old man of Digity Trace. Police allegedly found a quantity of cocaine during their search. PC Sookram is continuing enquiries.

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