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MEDIA RELEASE

Chinese national killed– <mark>6 locals, 2</mark> Venezuelans held during Barataria Robbery

Quick response by officers of the North Eastern Division Task Force,

Six Trinidadians, including two women, and two Venezuelans were caught red-handed by police attempting to rob the owner and occupants of a supermarket in Barataria this morning.

Quick response by officers of the North Eastern Division Task Force, Barataria, and Morvant Police Stations, prevented the suspects from escaping from the Happiness Supermarket, corner Eastern Main Road, and Sixth Avenue, Barataria.

Around 4 am, six men and two women armed with knives and cutlasses entered the supermarket. They proceeded to the upper floor of the building where the owner and eight employees, all Chinese nationals, were asleep.

The suspects attempted to rob the occupants but a struggle ensued. During the struggle, several persons were stabbed and chopped. A report was made to the police who responded within minutes and caught the eight suspect red-handed.

The police officers found several persons suffering from injuries. One Chinese national suffered serious injuries and was rushed to hospital where he died. Some of the suspects were also injured in the melee and had to be treated at hospital.

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Investigators will focus on murder and attempted robbery.

Enquires are ongoing.

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