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MEDIA RELEASE

Western Division Seizes over \$1.7 Million in Marijuana

Western Division continues to coordinate exercises geared at dismantling all operations of drug trafficking and other criminal networks in the division, this as they made two additional seizures totalling 49.79 kgs of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$1.7 million during anti-crime exercises conducted in St James and Maraval in the last 24 hours.

According to police reports, between the hours of 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm, based on intelligence information received, a party of Officers proceeded to a forested area off Teak Drive, River Estate, Diego Martin and conducted a search, spanning approximately two miles within the hillside. During the search, two multi colored crocus bags and two black garbage bags were found, each containing a total of 94 packets of cannabis with a weight of 49.79 kgs, an estimated street value of \$1.5 million were found and seized under separate make shift camps in the forest. No one was arrested, however the exhibits were processed by the divisional Crime Scene Investigators and taken for safe keeping.

In yet another exercise conducted between 5:00 am and 9:00 am on Friday 1st March 2024 in the Western Division, officers seized 5.59 kilograms of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$178,500. This exercise was held in the Maraval Police Station district by officers attached to the Western Division Task Force and the Western Division Gang and Intelligence Unit.

Based on information received, officers conducted a search of a derelict concrete and wooden structure at Upper Moraldo Street in Maraval and a

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black plastic bag containing eleven brown plastic packages of marijuana were found and seized. No one was arrested.

On Thursday, February 29th, 2024 officers seized 13 bales containing compressed marijuana and arrested a 38-year-old welder who was in possession of the 334 kilogrammes found in a vehicle yesterday. The drug has a street value of \$5.5 million.

This brings to a total of 383.79 kgs of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$7.2 million being seized by the division over the past 24 hours. These seizures form part of the overall strategy by Snr Superintendent Sean Henry to increase the attack on all forms of criminal activity in the wake of the recent murders in the Maraval district. As stated yesterday by Snr Supt Henry, “This exercise is part of an ongoing and aggressive anti-crime initiative in the Western Division, we will continue our aggressive and relentless attack on the criminals and criminality, with a view to delivering on our mandate to ensure that the Western Division remains a safe place. I will also continue to encourage and implore persons to cooperate and collaborate with us in our efforts to ensure our communities are safe.”

PC Allard is continuing enquiries.

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