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January 29th, 2024 **MEDIA RELEASE** House Breaking Suspect Arrested, Firearms, Narcotics Seized in Anti-Crime Exercises

Police arrested a suspect wanted in connection with several house-breaking incidents, and seized two firearms, along with ammunition and narcotics, during anti-crime exercises conducted in various policing districts yesterday.

During an Operation Blue Line exercise conducted between 3 pm and 6 pm on 28th January 2024, in the Eastern Division's Sangre Grande district, several known drug blocks were searched, including Damarie Hill, Walk Street, North Eastern Settlement and Duranta Road. As a result, a 23-year-old man from Mayo, Gasparillo was arrested for possession of a Tanfoglio pistol, fitted with a magazine containing six rounds of 9mm ammunition. The suspect was also wanted in connection with several breaking offences in the Southern Division. PC Mohammed is continuing enquiries.

Also, around 5:30 pm yesterday, officers of the Northern Division Task Force, North and South, along with Arima CID, executed a search warrant at a residence on Bypass Road, Arima. Upon arrival, the officers observed several Venezuelan nationals. A thorough search of the premises led to the discovery of one Beretta Pistol with nine rounds of 9mm ammunition hidden in a chest of drawers. The officers seized the items and detained a 24-year-old female Venezuelan national.

Meanwhile, at approximately 6:45 am yesterday, officers of the Central Division Task Force, Area North, with the assistance of the K9 Unit, executed a search warrant for firearms and ammunition at an address on Walcott Lane, Enterprise, Chaguanas. During an extensive search of the premises, the officers discovered 455 grams of marijuana and four rounds of assorted ammunition. Officers seized the illegal items, and two individuals present at the premises, aged 19 and 25, were arrested.

Enquiries are continuing into the matter.

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