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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **No Bail for Two Charged with Trafficking \$254m Worth of Cocaine**

Two men charged in connection with a recent intelligence -led cocaine seizure valued at over \$254 million, appeared before a Port of Spain High Court Master on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025, Mr. Roger Gaspard S.C., Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) advised that **CAPTAIN JAMES RODRIGUES** and **ABDUL AZAD** be charged for the offence of Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking. Both accused were denied bail and the matter has been adjourned to April 30, 2025.

On 12<sup>th</sup> March an intelligence-led joint law enforcement operation led to the seizure of 157 packets of cocaine, weighing a combined total of 182.24 kilograms, with an estimated street value of \$254,027,980.80. Five crew members aboard a shipping vessel were arrested in connection with the trafficking attempt.

Investigations are continuing.

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