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MEDIA RELEASE

Over \$136m Worth of Cannabis Seized in Maracas

A specialist unit of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), partnered with the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG) and officers of the Northern Division, to conduct an intelligence-led operation, which has resulted in the seizure of over \$136 million worth of cannabis, discovered along a secluded inlet on the Maracas coast.

Commissioner of Police Ag, Junior Benjamin stated, "This significant drug seizure underscores the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's unwavering commitment to protecting our nation from the threats posed by transnational criminal networks. We remain vigilant in our efforts to disrupt the illegal drug trade and will continue to leverage intelligence and work closely with our local, regional, and international law enforcement partners."

The operation was launched today, Friday 4th April, 2025, after the specialist unit received information early this morning from a confidential source, which indicated that a known Drug Trafficking Network (DTN) had recently imported a substantial consignment of narcotics from South America. The drugs were reportedly stashed in a remote, sea-accessible location in the Maracas area, pending further transshipment to other regional territories.

The specialist unit quickly initiated an intelligence development process, to quickly pinpoint the suspected stash site. Despite rough sea conditions, the TTCG skillfully navigated marine assets to the isolated inlet, where the joint team conducted a thorough search. The search led to the discovery of a large stash of narcotics concealed within dense forest cover, resting on a bank area.

The team seized 45 bales containing Colombian "Creepy" Cannabis, consisting of 2250 packets with a combined weight of 1242.9 kilograms, and an estimated street value of \$136,404,546 TTD. Each bale was identically packed with 50 packets. The team secured the illegal narcotics

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which was transported to Staubles Bay, Chaguaramas, with the support of TTCG marine assets.

DCP, Intelligence and Investigations, Suzette Martin stated, “The success of this operation is a testament to the strength and effectiveness of the intelligence-gathering systems within the TTPS. Intelligence-led policing continues to be a cornerstone of our strategic approach to tackling organized crime and narcotics trafficking. The TTPS remains committed to refining and expanding our intelligence capabilities, and to working hand-in-hand with our regional and international law enforcement partners to protect the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.”

Ag DCP, Operations, Curt Simon also commented on the seizure stating, “This operation exemplifies the precision, coordination, and discipline of our frontline units. It was a high-stakes, intelligence-driven mission executed with professionalism and care, and I commend all officers involved for their unwavering commitment to duty. Operational success of this magnitude doesn't happen by chance, it is the result of meticulous planning, seamless inter-agency collaboration, and a deep commitment to the safety and security of the people of Trinidad and Tobago.”

No arrests have been made to date, and investigations are ongoing.

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