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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **TTPS: No Permission Granted for Motorcade, Protest**

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The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) is making it clear that no permission was granted to any organisation to engage in a motorcade or protest on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The warning comes as the TTPS takes note of several social media posts in which a particular body is observed to be encouraging its members and citizens to “Drive for Progress.”

The TTPS reminds citizens that, currently, Trinidad and Tobago remains under a State of Emergency, governed by Emergency Powers Regulations 2021 which states that there be no gathering of persons in excess of ten. As such, no requests for permission for any form of protests were approved.

Section 107 of Summary Offences Act Chap 11:02 defines a public march as “any march or procession in a public place comprising (whether wholly or partly) pedestrians, vehicles (however propelled or drawn), or bicycles (however propelled).

The TTPS reminds citizens that in accordance to Section 112 of the Summary Offences Act Chap 11:02, “no person may organise, lead or take part in any public march unless a permit has been issue in respect thereof by the Commissioner of Police,” or in this case, the most senior officer of the TTPS.

Additionally, Section 3 of the Accessories and Abettors Act Chap 10:02 states:

“(1) Any person who aids, abets, counsels, or procures the commission of any offence punishable on summary conviction is

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liable to the same punishment as the principal offender, and may be proceeded against either with the principal offender or before or after his conviction, and either in the district in which the principal offender may be convicted or that in which the offence of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring may have been committed.”

The TTPS, however, acknowledges that it received three requests from the body, the latest dated October 22<sup>nd</sup> being received on October 25<sup>th</sup>, but at this time no approvals were given.

The Police Service, while it empathises with citizens in their plights at this time, is mandated to enforce the law and is bound in persuading citizens to adhere to same, until such approvals can be given.

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