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MEDIA RELEASE

Firearm Seized, Stolen Vehicles Recovered and DUI Offenders Arrested in Overnight Exercises

Three suspects were arrested and a firearm and quantity of ammunition seized by officers of the Inter-Agency Task Force during anti-crime operations conducted in the capital city and environs yesterday.

Officers conducted an exercise around 10:30 am on Thursday 16th February, 2023, during which they stopped a white AD Wagon motor vehicle with three male occupants, at the corner of Duke and George Streets, Port of Spain.

A search of the vehicle resulted in officers finding one Colt revolver loaded with three rounds of ammunition.

The three men, of Marabella, Chaguanas and Carapichaima, were arrested in connection with the find.

In the Tobago Division, a 52-year-old Bon Accord man was sentenced to six months' hard labour, after he appeared before a Scarborough Magistrate yesterday, charged with larceny of a bullet-proof vest which occurred on February 6th, 2023.

The accused, **DESLE WILLIAMS** aka **Singh**, was arrested and charged by officers of the Tobago Division in connection with the incident.

He appeared before Magistrate Indar Jagroo yesterday at the

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Scarborough Magistrates' Court, where he pleaded guilty to the charge.

In other ongoing exercises across the country, officers effected the recovery of three motor vehicles which had been previously reported stolen.

In the Point Fortin district, officers observed a white Nissan Wingroad motor vehicle parked in an isolated area. Checks revealed the vehicle was reported stolen during a robbery with aggravation incident in the Siparia district on February 14th, 2023.

In the second recovery, officers of the Port of Spain Criminal Investigations Department Operations Team, acting on intelligence, proceeded to Oxford Street, Port of Spain where they found a white Nissan Fielder Wagon bearing a registration number belonging to a Toyota Hilux. The wagon had been reported stolen from the Woodbrook district sometime between February 14th 2023 and February 15th 2023.

And in the third exercise, CID officers conducted an exercise in the Southern Division this week, during which they executed a search warrant at the home of a San Fernando businessman.

The search resulted in officers finding a 10-tonne truck on the premises bearing several different chassis numbers. Checks revealed the truck had been reportedly stolen in the Port of Spain district in 2021.

Investigations are ongoing into all the above stolen vehicles matters.

Meanwhile, road traffic exercises in several Divisions have netted several motorists driving under the influence of alcohol.

In one such exercise conducted between 11 pm yesterday and 3 am today, officers of the Port of Spain DUI Task Force arrested and

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charged four persons for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence.

A total of 38 Electronic Fixed Penalty Notices were also issued.

In the Central Division, a DUI exercise in the Couva district between 9 pm and 12 midnight yesterday resulted in the arrest of one man for driving under the influence, while another was held on two outstanding warrants.

And, in the Western Division, officers of the Carenage Police Station arrested two persons for driving without a driver's permit, without a certificate of insurance and driving without the vehicle owner's consent.

The TTPS will continue to impose a strong presence on the nation's roads across the country this weekend and during Carnival Monday and Tuesday and take a zero tolerance approach to DUI offences and other road traffic infringements.

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