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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **TTPS Acts on Intelligence and Information, not on Race or Politics**

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Commissioner of Police Gary Griffith wishes to give the assurance to the public, that recent searches conducted by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) in the La Romaine district, were conducted for a specific purpose and not based on race, politics or religion.

He says the searches took place whilst he was out of the country, but he has since been briefed by Acting Commissioner of Police, Harold Phillip on the operations. Commissioner Griffith gives the assurance to the public that these searches were conducted based on a specific purpose. He would reveal the reason for this when it's appropriate to do so, but gives the guarantee that this operation had absolutely no link or involvement to the recent arrest of anyone, nor was there any profiling done, as the TTPS would not act based on race, politics, religion or colour of houses.

There may be some who come to conclusions of virtually any national topic based on race, politics or religion. The TTPS does not fall in that grouping. We may not be perfect but we make decisions that at times may inconvenience others. The rationale for the search will be revealed when it's appropriate to do so.

Commissioner Griffith notes with interest the adverse comments by a few concerning the searches and says their conclusions simply show their inability to understand the role and function of the TTPS.

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He says as an organization, the TTPS in the course of carrying out its duty, does so without favour or affection, malice or ill will, and any notion contrary to this, could be considered as pure mischief on behalf of its proponents. He says the TTPS is non-discriminatory in the performance of its duties.

Commissioner Griffith says for someone to make a statement that the TTPS is targeting and intimidating a specific ethnic group is irresponsible and lack the facts.

The Commissioner says the TTPS does not hand-pick search warrants or arrests based on race, politics or religion, but on intelligence and evidence. He says the TTPS will never be prejudicial in its actions and officers would operate responsibly and within the law.

Commissioner Griffith says the TTPS is duty bound to protect and serve all and will continue to do its job.

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