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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **8 Granted \$1,500 Bail for Illegal Vending in Port-of-Spain**

Eight persons were arrested and charged for various offences in relation to illegal vending in Port-of-Spain yesterday.

They were all granted \$1,500 station bail and will appear before a Port-of-Spain Magistrate today.

The arrests followed two separate exercises conducted in the Capital City on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the first operation yesterday morning, officers attached to the Port-of-Spain City Police were patrolling along Independence Square and Charlotte Street, when they observed four persons who were operating makeshift stalls.

When City Police Officers enquired of their legitimacy, the vendors were unable to provide them with the necessary documentation.

The four, a 30-year-old man of Laventille, a 34-year-old woman of Maraval, a 43-year-old man of Carapo and a 54-year-old woman of Beetham Gardens, were all charged with wilful obstruction, offer for sale marketable commodities, and unlawful pitch of a stall.

In the second exercise last night, four other persons were arrested and charged for wilful obstruction, offer for sale marketable commodities, unlawful pitch of a stall, exposing intoxicating liquor for sale, and illegally selling tobacco products.

Those charged were two men, both 42, of Longdenville and Arouca, and two women, aged 46 and 49, of Port-of-Spain and Oropune Gardens, respectively.

The Arouca man was also charged for resisting arrest.

These four are all expected to appear before a Port-of-Spain Magistrate in April.

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