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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **TT\$17.7M in High-Grade Marijuana Seized in SWD**

High-grade marijuana worth an estimated TT\$17.7 million has been seized in the South Western Division, during an intelligence-led operation conducted by an intelligence unit of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

The operation coordinated by Snr. Supt. Soodeen, ASP Phillip and Insp. Mohammed, was conducted between 1 pm and 8 pm, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and included officers of the Southern Division Task Force.

Acting on intelligence that a major drug trafficking network operating in the South Western peninsular had smuggled a large quantity of narcotics over the weekend, officers proceeded to an apartment located at Dow Village, South Oropouche.

There, a search was conducted which resulted in the seizure of a significant quantity of high-grade marijuana from the premises.

Among the narcotics seized, was a total of 66 packets of US grown marijuana weighing 48.7 kilogrammes with an estimated street value of TT\$12,170,378 and 51 packets of Colombian grown marijuana weighing 51 kilogrammes with an estimated street value of TT\$5,597,097.

The haul of 117 packets of marijuana has a total weight of 99.7 kilogrammes with an estimated street value of TT\$17,767,475.

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One man, a 63-year-old of South Oropouche, was arrested for the offence of Possession of Cannabis for the Purpose of Trafficking.

Commissioner of Police Erla Harewood-Christopher has praised the diligent work of the intelligence unit and the Task Force officers of Southern Division for the seizure.

She said the exercise was part of the TTPS's ongoing efforts to dismantle illegal drug and firearms trade networks operating within our borders and bring perpetrators to swift justice.

Commissioner Harewood-Christopher called on members of the public to continue sharing information about crime in their communities with the police, so that the scourge of drugs and gun offences can be halted.

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