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MEDIA RELEASE

\$3.5 M Worth of Marijuana Seized in Point Fortin

Point Fortin Municipal Police Officers seized \$3.5 million worth of marijuana and a firearm and ammunition, during mobile patrols yesterday and early this morning November 13th 2023. Seven suspects were arrested in connection with the seizures.

Around 9:33 am yesterday, Ag/Cpl Persad and Point Fortin Municipal Police Officers observed a blue Toyota Fielder wagon dangerously overtaking traffic and driving at a high rate of speed, while on mobile patrol along Southern Main Road, Guapo. Ag/Cpl Persad became suspicious of this action and pursued the vehicle, which they intercepted a short distance away, in the vicinity of the Guapo landfill. When the officers searched the vehicle, in the presence of both occupants, they found six crocus bags containing a total of 270 blocks of marijuana, which was later weighed and amounted to 147.5 kilograms. A 40-year-old taxi driver and a 41-year-old farmer were arrested for Possession of Marijuana for the Purpose of Trafficking and the officers seized the illegal narcotics.

Also, around 2 am today Ag/Cpl Persad and Point Fortin Municipal Police Officers observed a blue Ford Ranger vehicle proceeding in the vicinity of Dunlop Roundabout, Point Fortin. They attempted to stop the vehicle, which tried to evade them, however, it was intercepted a short distance away. When the officers searched the vehicle, they found one black revolver with six rounds of .38 Spl ammunition. Five suspects, four men from Marabella aged 35-41, and a 38-year-old man from San Fernando were arrested for Possession of Firearm and Ammunition and taken to the Point Fortin Police Station.

Meanwhile, around 2 am today in the Central Division, the Central Division Task Force (CDTF) 02 and 03, led by W/Cpl Wellington, together with the Blue Line Support Staff and members of the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, executed a search warrant for firearms and ammunition at a residence located at Singh Ave, Factory Road, Chaguanas, based on information received and surveillance conducted. During the search, officers proceeded to a downstairs room, where they found two hydroponic tents. Upon further examination, they also found 68 marijuana plants, together with 48 seedlings, fertilizers, garden tools, and a professional hydroponic system, which included lights and fans. One man was detained and was taken to the CDTF base along with the seized items for further enquiries.

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