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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **13 Arrested, Firearms, Cash, Narcotics Seized**

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Police operations conducted over the past 36 hours resulted in the arrest of nine suspects in connection with recent serious reported crime in the Central Division, as well as the seizure of firearms, narcotics and cash in other policing divisions.

During an Operation Blue Line exercise in the Lamont Street, Longdenville area, nine persons fitting the description of suspects involved in the recent reports of Serious Reported Crimes in the Central Division within the last two weeks were detained on outstanding enquiries.

Police also executed a search warrant for firearms and ammunition at a home located at Trotman Road, McBean Village, Couva, yesterday. While searching the premises, a man threw a black bag through a window on the eastern side of the property. The officers retrieved the bag which contained 72 grams of cocaine. The officers also found 126 grams of marijuana concealed in a black bag, and as the search progressed, they found \$57,022TT, \$540 Barbados dollars and \$102 of Canadian currency. Sgt Howard seized the quantity of cash under the Proceeds of Crime Act. A male suspect was arrested in connection with the seizure. Couva Criminal Investigations Department (CID) and officers of the Financial Investigations Branch (FIB) are investigating the cash seizure.

Meanwhile, a firearm, ammunition and a quantity of cocaine were seized during exercises conducted in the South Western Division yesterday. Members of the South Western Division Task Force received information and then proceeded to the Icacos Beach Front, Cedros, where they searched nearby bushes and found one Smith and Weston Revolver pistol with two rounds of 38 Special ammunition. Also, drug blocks in Granville and Icacos Village were targeted and a 29-year-old man from Quinam Road, Penal, was arrested for Possession of 5.1 grams of Cocaine, Obscene Language, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Behaviour and Escaping Lawful Custody.

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In the Southern Division, around 1 p.m. yesterday, PC Guerra received information, then proceeded to Southern Main Road (SMR), Claxton Bay, where he searched an area in the vicinity of the mangrove. There he found and took possession of a firearm fitted with a magazine with three rounds of ammunition.

While in Tobago, around 2:30 am today, Thursday 2nd November, Cpl Mc Millan searched an abandoned animal pasture in the vicinity of the Speyside Recreation Ground. With the aid of the Canine Unit, they found a transparent bag containing marijuana. He conveyed the bag to the Charlotteville Police Station, where it was weighed, and the contents amounted to 300 grams.

Around 12:45 am today, a party of officers from the North Central Division received certain information and proceeded to Davis Street, Kandahar, Five Rivers, Arouca, where they searched an open yard along the street. When officers looked under several pieces of rusted galvanized sheeting, they found a white plastic bag with a shotgun and two shotgun shells. PC Ottley took possession of the mentioned items for safekeeping. Two suspects were also arrested on Robbery enquiries during the exercise.

Investigations are continuing.

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