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MEDIA RELEASE

Proceedings Against Two POS Private Members Clubs Concludes with the Forfeiture of Over TT\$650,000.00

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) was successful in their application seeking the forfeiture of over TT\$650,000.00 that was seized in August 2019 from two private members clubs in Port of Spain.

According to police reports, on Tuesday 27th August, 2019 officers of the Criminal Investigations Department (CID), members of the Criminal Tax Investigations Unit (CTIU), and the Bureau of Standards conducted an exercise at a members club on Charlotte Street. There, they met a man who identified himself as the secretary of the club. A search was conducted, and they allegedly found and seized TT\$431,843.00 and US\$50.00.

The officers then accompanied the secretary to another members club, also on Charlotte Street where a search was conducted as well. Officers allegedly found and seized TT\$236,422.00 and US\$20.00 at that location. The money at both locations was seized under the authority of Section 38 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 11:27. However, the sum of TT\$810.00 was found to be counterfeit during the delivery of the seized cash to the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.

Extensive investigations were conducted by members of the Financial Investigations Branch (FIB) leading to the decision by the Director of Public Prosecutions Roger Gaspard, SC, that there was sufficient evidence to commence forfeiture proceedings against the club's owner, Abraham Moses, now deceased.

The forfeiture applications were filed in the Port of Spain Magistrates' Court on August 6th, 2021. The matter was heard yesterday, Friday 30th June, 2023 before Chief Magistrate Maria Busby Earl-Caddle who ordered the forfeiture of TT\$431,380.75 and TT\$236,367.10 with all interest accrued to be deposited in the Seized Assets Fund.

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The cash was forfeited under the Provision of the Proceeds of Crime Act.

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