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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Police Confront Gunman in Laventille, Seize Firearm and Ammunition**

One man was arrested and a firearm along with a quantity of ammunition was seized by officers of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and Northern Division over the past 24 hours.

Between 7:00 p.m. on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and 2:30 a.m. on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, officers of the IATF were on mobile patrol in the Laventille area when they received information about a suspicious individual. The team, which included Cpl Boodhoo, PC Forde, and PC Giddens, proceeded to the location near Despers Drive. The officers exited their vehicle and walked west along a concrete walkway toward 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

While approaching the end of the walkway, they observed a man standing in the roadway armed with a firearm. Cpl Boodhoo, who was at the front of the formation, called out to the man and instructed him to drop his weapon. The suspect turned and immediately raised the firearm, pointing it in the direction of the officers.

Fearing for his life and that of his colleagues, and in keeping with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's Use of Force Policy, Cpl Boodhoo discharged his service weapon in the direction of the suspect. The suspect then dropped his firearm.

Cpl Boodhoo approached the man—who was later identified as a resident of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street—and seized the weapon, an American Tactical Rifle fitted with a magazine containing a quantity of 5.56 ammunition. The suspect was observed to have sustained an injury to the shoulder. He was arrested and conveyed to the Port of Spain General Hospital, where he was treated, and then taken to the St. Joseph Police Station.

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In a separate incident, officers of the Pinto Police Post conducted an exercise between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20th, 2025. The operation focused on bars and known drug blocks in the Santa Rosa, Demerara Road, La Retreat Road, Heights of Guanapo, and Maturita areas. Acting on intelligence received, the team conducted a search along Hoyte Avenue, Pinto Road, where they discovered a black plastic bag containing 45 rounds of 5.56 ammunition. The items were seized.

Investigations are ongoing into both matters.

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