

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

Police Administration Building,

Corner Edward & Sackville Streets, Port of Spain

Email: corporatecommunications@ttps.gov.tt

August 11th, 2021

MEDIA RELEASE

7 arrested - guns, ammunition seized in Valsayn

Police seized two firearms, ammunition, and arrested seven persons for being involved in gang activities in the Valsayn community.

Officers of the Northern Division Gang Intelligence Unit seized the firearms and ammunition during the Operation Strike Back Three exercise.

Police officers executed a search warrant at the home of a 21-yearold suspect of East Grove, Valsayn, during which they allegedly discovered one Desert Eagle nine millimetre firearm with one magazine and ten rounds nine millimetre ammunition.

The police officers also seized one extended magazine with 20 rounds of nine millimetre ammunition. The man was immediately arrested in connection with the seizure.

Meanwhile, police officers, with the assistance of the Canine Unit, subsequently searched an overgrown area in the community where they found one Smith and Wesson with ten rounds of ammunition. The operation culminated with the arrests of seven suspects, ages 25 to 46, who are believed to be a part of the new 'East Grove Killers' gang.

Police are urging the public to continue partnering with them by providing information on suspected gang members and activities to the Police Anti-Crime hotline 555 or sharing the information anonymously to the TTPS' App, as they continue to detect and dismantle organized crime within communities.

SEE ACCOMPANYING PHOTO

Corporate Communications Unit

August 11th, 2021

Members of the public are asked to like and follow the TTPS via our <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> pages for the latest news and information on matters of interest to the general public.

END