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Four Held, Three Firearms Seized and Quantities of Cannabis Destroyed in Ongoing Exercises

Four persons were arrested, three firearms seized and quantities of cannabis destroyed by officers during anti-crime exercises across the country over the past two days.

In the first incident, officers of the Arima Police Station conducted an exercise on Monday 14th October, 2024, during which they proceeded to the Carapo home of a female suspect.

There, they conducted a search, which resulted in the discovery of one Smith and Wesson revolver hidden inside a blue plastic barrel.

The suspect, who was on the premises at the time of the exercise, was arrested in connection with the find.

In an exercise conducted in the Central Division, officers intercepted a blue Mitsubishi Lancer motor vehicle at Church Street, Couva, around 9:15 pm, yesterday.

A search of the vehicle resulted in one pistol loaded with 13 rounds of ammunition being discovered.

The driver, a 22-year-old of Chaguanas was arrested in connection with the find.

Meanwhile, in the Eastern Division, officers of the Mayaro Criminal Investigations Department and Canine Branch conducted an exercise in the Mayaro district between 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm, yesterday. During the exercise, officers proceeded to a track located off Guayaguayare Road, where they found a cannabis field containing 250 fully grown trees and approximately 750 seedlings.

The plants were subsequently destroyed.

And, on Sunday 13th, October, 2024, officers of the Western Division Task Force conducted an exercise between 2:15 pm and 5 pm, during which they responded to a report of several men being observed in the Petit Valley district wearing camouflage outfits and armed with assault rifles.

The officers adopted a strategic approach to the operation to locate the men and entered a forested area where the men were last seen entering.

There, the officers discovered a structure concealed by vines and black construction plastic. Upon entering the structure, the officers observed a high-tech hydroponics system with over 100 cannabis plants.

The plants were subsequently destroyed.

Checks of the surrounding area resulted in the discovery of one pistol loaded with 13 rounds of ammunition.

Two suspects, a 37-year-old of Glenco and a 31-year-old of Maraval, were arrested in connection with the finds.

This exercise was spearheaded by Snr. Supt. Henry, ASP Lynch, coordinated by Insp. Grant and included Sgt. Hunte, Cpl Sahadath and PCs Clemet, Myers, Bocage, Figueira, Morgan, Arthur and Anderson.

SEE ACCOMPANYING PHOTOGRAPHS

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