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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **64 Arrested, 13 Firearms Seized, 498 Speeding Tickets Issued over Easter Weekend**

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Police officers were highly visible and made their presence felt over the long Easter weekend, as various operations and anti-crime exercises were conducted throughout all 10 policing divisions. These exercises were by no means cosmetic in nature, but were strategically planned and executed, which in turn resulted in the arrest of 64 persons for various offences and the seizure of illegal firearms and narcotics.

Over the weekend police seized 13 firearms and arrested 15 persons in connection with the seizures. In one incident on Sunday, 6 suspects were arrested and two firearms were seized when police intercepted two vehicles in Aranguez. The six suspects were arrested mere minutes after a Robbery with Violence incident in the area.

Four of the 13 guns were seized in the Central Division, and included one pistol, one revolver and two shotguns.

Police also engaged in various exercises that led to the seizure of 17.57 kilogrammes of marijuana and 74 grammes of cocaine. According to police reports, around 10:30 pm yesterday, officers received information then proceeded to Golconda Connector Road in the Southern Division. The officers intercepted a Toyota Corolla vehicle, and when officers conducted a search, they found 1.1 kilogrammes of marijuana under the front passenger seat. One man was arrested and taken to the Marabella Police Station where he was charged.

The largest marijuana seizure occurred in the Tobago Division, where officers seized 8.48 kilogrammes of marijuana, and one suspect was arrested. The suspect was one of the 21 persons who were detained in connection with these drug seizures.

There was also a heavy police presence on the roadways over the weekend, during which time 1,844 tickets were issued to motorists. While 21 drivers were arrested for exceeding the prescribed breath alcohol limit, the majority of violations were for speeding, as 498

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tickets were issued. Reports indicate that there were 371 seatbelt violations, while 119 motorists were ticketed for driving without requisite insurance.

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