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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

### Five Arrested, Firearms, Narcotics Seized

Five men have been arrested, and four firearms, along with ammunition and quantities of narcotics, have been seized in various divisions over the past 24 hours.

In an early morning operation conducted at approximately 6:00 a.m. on 15th March 2025, officers from the CASU and NOTF proceeded to the home of a known offender at Annabelle Street, Lisas Gardens, Couva. Upon arrival, the officers took up strategic positions and observed the suspect throwing an object out of a window on the eastern side of the apartment. A check revealed the object to be a Glock 19 pistol with a magazine containing five rounds of ammunition. The 40-year-old man from the above-mentioned address was then arrested.

The previous day, at approximately 9:45 p.m. on 14th March 2025, officers of the Central Division Task Force, Area South, were on patrol along Grant Street, Couva, when they observed a white AD Wagon travelling east at high speed. The officers pursued the vehicle and successfully brought it to a stop. After instructing the occupants to exit, a search was conducted, which led to the discovery of a Pietro Beretta Gardone pistol, fitted with a magazine containing one round of .380 ammunition. The firearm and ammunition were seized, and the three occupants—a 29-year-old man from Ocean Avenue, Gulf View, a 29-year-old from Balmatie Street, Couva, and a 28-year-old man from Baliser Street, Couva—were arrested and taken to the Couva Police Station.

Additionally, an intelligence-led operation was conducted by officers of the Southern Division Task Force on 14th March 2025. The team proceeded to an empty lot near the intersection of Ramnanan and Pariag Streets, Marabella,

where a search led to the discovery of a revolver. The firearm was seized and taken to the Marabella Police Station.

In the Eastern Division, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. that day, officers of the Special Intelligence Unit, Eastern Division Task Force, Sangre Grande Criminal Investigations Department, and Valencia Special Operations Unit conducted an exercise in the Sangre Grande district.

During the exercise, officers searched several abandoned wooden structures at Laguire Settlement, Toco Road, Matura, where they discovered a shotgun and 206 grammes of cannabis hidden beneath a piece of sponge on a concrete decking. The items were seized.

Finally, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., officers of the Inter-Agency Task Force conducted an exercise in the Port of Spain Division. During the exercise, a 28-year-old man from Beetham Gardens was arrested for possession of 74.4 grammes of cannabis.

Investigations are ongoing.

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