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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **\$10 M Bail for Man charged in \$64M Drug Seizure**

A Couva man was granted \$10 million bail when he appeared Senior Magistrate Aden Stroude at the Siparia Magistrates' Court today.

**DWAYNE GILL**, 35, pleaded not guilty to the charges of possession of cocaine and marijuana for the purpose of trafficking and breach of the curfew. **GILL** was charged in connection with the seizure of \$64 million worth of narcotics in Quinam on Emancipation Day. He is due to reappear in court on Thursday 2nd September, 2021.

**LEMUEL HILLS**, 32, **OMARI CELESTINE**, 23, and **AARON KESHWAR**, 23, all of Couva, pleaded not guilty, when they appeared before Senior Magistrate Aden Stroude, after being charged with breach of the curfew. The three accused were each granted \$10,000 bail. They are due to reappear in court on Tuesday 24th August, 2021.

Around 5:30 pm on Sunday 1st August, 2021, officers of the South-Western Division CID and the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, intercepted a Nissan Prairie motor vehicle at the Quinam Beach Facility.

It is alleged that **DWAYNE GILL**, the driver of the vehicle, fled the scene and ran into some nearby bushes and escaped.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the police officers finding five crocus bags containing 109 kilogrammes of marijuana and 34 packets of cocaine which weighed 39 kilogrammes. The drugs have an estimated street value of \$64,775,823.20. As Police continued the search for the driver, they stopped another vehicle around 9:30 pm that day in which **GILL** was an occupant along with the three other men. All four men were arrested and taken into custody.

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