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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Rifle, Vehicle, Stolen Goods Seized in San Juan**

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Police seized a rifle, a vehicle and recovered stolen hydroponic equipment and fertilizer during an anti-crime exercise conducted in the San Juan Police Station district between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm yesterday, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

In response to information received, a party of officers went to an abandoned house along Maraj Trace, Mission Road, San Juan, commonly known to be a stash house where illicit transactions are conducted. Upon entering the premises, they observed a man running away from the property in an easterly direction. The officers pursued the suspect, however, he escaped.

When the officers searched the area, they found a quantity of hydroponics plant-growing fertilizers and equipment, similar to that which were reported stolen on 15<sup>th</sup> November in a Store Break-in and Larceny. The items were subsequently photographed by CSI personnel and seized by WPC Sequea, the investigator of the Store Break-In and Larceny.

Further checks were made on the property and the officers found one rifle with 20 rounds of 5.56 ammunition, which was seized, processed and taken to the San Juan Police Station.

The officers also observed a black Kia Cerato vehicle parked in the vicinity of the property. PC Chinpire paid closer attention to the vehicle and observed two bottles of chemicals, similar to those previously seized in the vehicle. Enquiries were made in the vicinity as to ownership of the vehicle; however, no useful information was obtained. The car was then taken to the San Juan Police Station to be further processed.

Snr Supt Edwards, ASP Callender and Insp Ramsingh coordinated the exercise, which was supervised by Cpl Ramkissoon, PC Chinpire and WPC Sequea, PC Cudjoe, PC Ashton and other officers of the San Juan CID.

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