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MEDIA RELEASE

Two Held, Stolen Vehicle Recovered and Man Charged With Larceny in Ongoing Exercises

Two persons were arrested, a stolen vehicle recovered and quantities of ammunition and drugs seized by officers of the North Eastern and Northern Divisions during ongoing anti-crime exercises yesterday.

An Operation Grand Slam Exercise was conducted by officers of the North Eastern Division Task Force between 10:30 am and 1 pm, on Thursday 16th March, 2023.

During the exercise, officers received information relative to a report of motor vehicle larceny which occurred in the Couva district on February 23rd, 2023.

The officers then proceeded to the San Juan district, where they conducted a search and found the white Nissan AD wagon which was reported stolen.

A 40-year-old male suspect of California was arrested in connection with the matter.

In the Northern Division, another Operation Grand Slam exercise was conducted by officers of the Pinto Police Post, the Canine Branch and the Municipal Police Task Force between 4 am and 9 am, yesterday.

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During the exercise, several search warrants were executed in the Pinto and Arima districts resulting in four rounds of assorted ammunition being seized.

A 26-year-old man of Pinto was arrested in connection with the find.

Meanwhile, the same party of officers also found quantities of marijuana in the district.

Investigations are ongoing into all the above matters.

And, a Fraud Squad exercise has resulted in a Larceny charge being laid against a 31-year-old Carapichaima man.

JOEL JULIEN, a scaffolder, was charged with one count of Larceny in the sum of \$956,857.70, by Cpl (Ag.) Cummings of the Fraud Squad and is expected to appear before a Port of Spain Magistrate today.

During a reconciliation exercise conducted by a financial institution, it was discovered that a system error resulted in \$32,347,308.55, being mistakenly credited to a personal account held at the institution.

It is alleged that during the period November 18th, 2022 and December 1st, 2022, the owner of the personal account withdrew sums totalling \$825,000 in cash from various Automated Banking Machines and conducted Point of Sale purchases totalling \$131,357.70, together totalling \$956,857.70.

Efforts by the financial institution to get a full refund of the money proved futile and a report was made to the Fraud Squad.

Following investigations into the matter, Fraud Squad officers under the supervision of Snr. Supt. Arlet Groome conducted an exercise which resulted in the arrest of a male suspect.

A total of \$600,501 in cash was allegedly recovered at his home.

Julien was charged with the offence on Thursday 16th March, 2023.

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