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May 23rd, 2023 **MEDIA RELEASE** Las Cuevas Man Charged After \$234M Drug Bust

A Las Cuevas man is due to appear at the Port of Spain Magistrates' Court today after he was charged with Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking, Possession of a Firearm and Possession of Ammunition. The cocaine has a street value of \$234,457,344.

KEON ABERDEEN, of La Fillete Village, North Coast, Las Cuevas was charged after officers received advice from Director of Public Prosecutions Mr. Roger Gaspard SC yesterday.

Aberdeen was arrested in connection with a cocaine seizure on Thursday 18th May 2023, where officers of the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) received intelligence and proceeded to the Chaguaramas area. The officers then intercepted a black SUV motor vehicle in the carpark of a hotel.

A comprehensive search was conducted and five large black garbage bags containing 148 packages each containing cocaine, weighing 168kgs were found in the trunk area of the vehicle. The officers also seized one Glock semi-auto pistol fitted with an automatic selector, an extended magazine and 13 rounds nine-millimetre ammunition. Three suspects were arrested and detained for enquiries.

The two other persons were released pending further investigations.

Investigations are continuing.

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