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MEDIA RELEASE

Busy Weekend for SD Officers As 18 Held, Firearm, Ammunition and Narcotics Seized

Eighteen persons were arrested and one firearm and quantities of ammunition and narcotics seized by officers of the Southern Division, during a series of anti-crime and road traffic exercises conducted between yesterday and this morning.

'Operation Wheels' exercises were conducted between 12 am and 3 am on Sunday 2nd April, 2023, coordinated by Snr. Supt. Smith, Supts. Carthy and Rampath, ASP Jaikaran and Insps. Philip and Lewis.

The exercises included officers of the Southern Division Task Force (SDTF), Emergency Response Patrol-South, Princes Town Traffic Unit, Highway Patrol Task Force, San Fernando Police Station, San Fernando Criminal Investigations Department, Court and Process Branch, Stolen Vehicles Unit and the Tableland Police Station.

During the exercises, special emphasis was placed on frequently stolen motor vehicles such as Aquas, Tiidas, Axios, H100, Kia K2700 and AD Wagons and seven persons, ages 19 to 62, were arrested for various offences including failing a breathalyser test and firearm related offences.

A total of 23 fixed penalty notices were issued during the exercises.

In a separate exercise conducted between 7:40 am and 6 pm, on Saturday 1st April, 2023, Task Force officers arrested two male

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suspects for possession of a quantity of marijuana, a knife, use of obscene language, disorderly behaviour and resisting arrest.

Meanwhile, diligent work by officers of the SD Operations Unit with the assistance of the SDTF, resulted in the arrest of nine persons, ages 19 to 69, during an intelligence-led anti-crime exercise targeting house-breaking and drug-related offenders.

During the exercise, one revolver and quantities of cocaine, marijuana and ammunition were found and seized.

Investigations are ongoing into the above matters.

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