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MEDIA RELEASE

Several Arrested, Narcotics and Firearm Seized, by CDTF

An anti-crime exercise in the Couva district resulted in the seizure of narcotics and firearms and the arrest of several men.

On November 14, 2024, between 3 pm and 8 pm, officers of the Central Division Task Force (CDTF) Area South carried out a successful anti-crime operation in the Couva and Freeport Police Districts, resulting in the seizure of drugs and firearms and the arrest of several individuals involved in criminal activity.

As part of the operation, officers targeted known drug blocks across the Couva and Freeport areas. Based on intelligence, officers proceeded to an abandoned apartment building located on Orange Field Road, Carapichaima. Upon entering a room in the building, officers discovered 77 fully grown high-grade cannabis plants, valued at \$235,000.

In addition to the cannabis, several grow lights and chemicals commonly used in the cultivation of cannabis were also seized. All items were transported to the Couva Police Station for further processing, and investigations are continuing under the supervision of PC Besai.

The operation also focused on a known narcotics hotspot in the vicinity of First Street, Pranz Gardens, Claxton Bay. Upon arrival, officers observed a group of men seated in front of an abandoned building. When the officers identified themselves, the men attempted to flee, but were quickly apprehended after a brief chase.

Officers conducted a search of the area where the men had been seated which revealed three firearms:

- Two AR-15-style rifles, each fitted with a magazine containing 30 rounds of 5.56mm ammunition

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- One Sig Sauer P250 pistol, with a magazine containing 11 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

A 25-year-old man of Soogrim Trace, Orange Valley, Couva, 25-year-old man of Junon Street Extension, California, 33-year-old man of Southern Main Road, Claxton Bay and a 33-year-old man of 1st Street, Dow Village, California were arrested in connection with the seizure.

The firearms, along with the arrested individuals, were taken to the Couva Police Station for further processing. The suspects remain in custody as investigations continue.

This operation was coordinated by Senior Supt Carty, Supt Glodon, Asp Reyes, Insp Conliff and Insp Petti, also carried out by members of the CDTF Area South under the supervision of Sgt Blackman, Ag. Cpl Sarran along with officers of the Caroni K9 Unit.

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