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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **One Arrested, FPNs Issued and Cannabis Seized in WD and ND**

An anti-crime exercise conducted in the Western and Northern Divisions led to the arrest of one individual, the issuance of several Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs), and the seizure of illegal narcotics.

On Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at approximately 6:30 pm, officers conducted a search of an abandoned lot located at Luckput Street, St. James. During the search, officers found a black plastic bag hidden under a galvanized sheet. Inside the bag was a black and brown plastic wrap containing **214.6 grams of cannabis**.

In a separate operation, a joint road traffic exercise was conducted in the Western Division yesterday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The operation along the Audrey Jeffers and Diego Martin Highways resulted in the issuance of **160 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)** for various traffic offenses, including 20 FPNs for illegal window tinting. Additionally, 9 drivers were served with notices indicating the intent to disqualify them from driving, and one driver was officially disqualified, with demerit points ranging from 25 to 86.

The traffic exercise was coordinated by ACP Tactical Collis Hazel and involved officers from North Central ERP, North Eastern ERP, POS ERP, the Transport Division, and Caroni License Office.

In another operation, between 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, officers acted on intelligence regarding a vehicle suspected of transporting illegal firearms and ammunition, intercepted the vehicle on Business Drive, Trincity. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of two brown boxes, each containing several blue and white boxes filled with **19.44 kilograms of cannabis, with an estimated street value of \$3,000,000 TTD**. The driver, a 39-year-old man from Noel Trace, St. Augustine, was arrested and is currently in custody.

The exercises were coordinated by Ag/Snr Superintendent Williams in the Western Division and Snr Supt Maynard-Wilson in the Northern Division, with support from the NDTF Area North, Special Branch, and Customs and Excise Division.

Investigations are ongoing into the matters.

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