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Five Held, Gel Blaster Guns Among Four Firearms Seized in Operations

Five persons were arrested, two rifles, two gel blaster guns and quantities of ammunition seized by officers during ongoing State of Emergency Operations conducted in the Eastern, Port of Spain, North-Eastern and Central Divisions yesterday.

Officers of the Valencia Criminal Investigations Department conducted an exercise between 4 pm and 7 pm, on Saturday 4th January, 2025, which also included personnel of the Special Operations Unit, the Warrant Section and the Valencia Police Station.

During the exercise, the officers proceeded to Cuber Street, Valencia, where they conducted a search of a bushy area where they found one high-powered rifle and twenty rounds of 5.56 ammunition along with a quantity of cannabis.

Two male suspects, a 25-year-old and a 24-year-old, both of Valencia, were arrested in connection with the finds.

Meanwhile, an exercise was conducted in the Port of Spain and North Eastern Divisions by officers of the Inter-Agency Task Force, yesterday.

During the exercise, officers proceeded to the Morvant home of a female suspect where they conducted a search. During the search officers found a rifle and a magazine loaded with 26 rounds of 5.56 ammunition.

The 32-year-old woman was arrested in connection with the find.

And, two men were arrested and two gel blaster guns resembling that of firearms, seized following a police involved shooting incident early this morning.

Officers responded to a report of six men being observed with firearms in the Cunupia district around 12:20 am on Sunday 5th January, 2025 and conducted a search of the area.

Officers subsequently observed two men dressed in dark clothing with objects resembling firearms in their possession running in their direction.

The officers made known their presence to the men and instructed them to drop the weapons. One of the men allegedly fired the said object at the officers, who in keeping with the Use of Force Policy, fired back in the direction of the assailant.

The men dropped to the ground and were arrested, while two Gel Blaster guns were seized.

Investigations are ongoing into the above matters.

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