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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Four Charged with Murder, Two Firearms and Ammunition Seized in Ongoing Exercises**

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Ongoing extensive efforts to solve murders and take firearms out of the hands of criminals continue to bear fruit, with the arrest and charging of four individuals in connection with two separate murders and the seizure of several firearms and quantities of ammunition this week.

**GARY ST. HILLAIRE**, aka 'Gary Boy', 22, **MALCOLM CAMPBELL**, aka 'Gabriel', 22 and **TEVIN CELESTINE**, 32, all of Maraval, were arrested by officers of the Homicide Bureau of Investigations, (HBI) Region One and Western Division Task Force (WDTF), on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

They were wanted in connection with the death of 18-year-old Roger Celestine and the wounding of a male victim, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023, in the Maraval district.

Celestine, was in the company of other persons at his Paramin home when they were accosted by a group of armed men who shot at them. The victim died at the scene, while another man was taken to hospital for treatment.

Investigations into the incident were supervised by W/ASP (Ag.) Bridglal, Insp. Lynch and Cpl (Ag.) Subiah, all of HBI Region One, with the assistance of officers of the WDTF.

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The trio was charged by PC Lewis, also attached to HBI Region One, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, following advice received from Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Joan Honore-Paul, on that same date, to charge them with the offences of Murder and Attempted Murder.

The accused are expected to appear before a Port of Spain Magistrate today, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 to answer to the charges.

Meanwhile, **KAREEM BALGOBIN**, 22, of Point Fortin, appeared in the Point Fortin Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, charged with the murder of Tevin Stefon Francois which occurred on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The matter was adjourned to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2023.

**Balgobin** was charged by PC Ramnarine of HBI Region Three, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, following advice received from Deputy DPP Joan Honore-Paul on that same date.

Reports indicate that on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, officers found the lifeless body of the victim with wounds to his head and face at Mc Kenzie Fields Road, Point Fortin.

Investigations into the matter were supervised by Supt. Dhillpaul and Sgt. Jones of HBI Region Three.

**Balgobin** is the second person charged in connection with this murder.

Officers previously charged 28-year-old **Yunus Ali** of Cedros with the offence on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Two firearms and a quantity of ammunition were also seized overnight during ongoing anti-crime exercises conducted across the country.

In the Eastern Division, officers of the Valencia Criminal Investigations Department and Special Operations Unit, conducted an exercise between 2 am and 4 am, on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

During the exercise officers executed a search warrant at the home of a 23-year-old suspect.

The search resulted in officers finding one pistol, an extended magazine and eleven rounds of ammunition.

And in the North Eastern Division, officers conducted an exercise between 10:30 am and 2 pm, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, during which they arrested a 29-year-old Laventille man.

A search of the suspect resulted in officers finding one loaded revolver in his possession.

Investigations are ongoing into the above finds.

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service thanks members of the public for their assistance in sharing the necessary information to make these exercises successful.

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