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## 8 Held, Shotgun Found & Drugs Discovered During OSB Exercises

Operation Strike Back (OSB) exercises in the North Eastern Division have resulted in the arrest of eight persons along with the seizure of a firearm, ammunition and a quantity of drugs, by officers over the last 24 hours.

The OSB exercises, spearheaded by Snr. Supt. Phillip and supervised by Insp. Marshall, began on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, and ended on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The exercises were carried out in the Las Cuevas, Maracas Bay, Santa Cruz and San Juan districts.

While in the Las Cuevas district, officers discovered one Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun, 32 rounds of 9mm ammunition, 100 grammes of dried marijuana and a quantity of marijuana seedlings. One man was also detained for possession of marijuana.

Officers also executed a search warrant at the Tapping Street, Santa Cruz, home of a suspect, where a quantity of marijuana was found and led to three men being arrested for the offence.

In the San Juan district, a search was carried out at the Four Roses Night Club, where a packet containing 96 grammes of marijuana and 15 pink pills were discovered.

Another search was executed at Tigers Bar, where the proprietor was found to be in possession of the wrong licenses to sell spirituous liquor and alcohol. All alcoholic items were seized and taken to the Barataria Police Station, along with one man who was held on house breaking enquiries.

Additionally, officers searched the Spanish Harlem Night Club, where three Venezuelan women were detained for not having proper travel documents.

All suspects were taken to varying police stations, pending further enquiries and charges. Investigations are continuing into all discoveries made during this series of exercises.

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