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MEDIA RELEASE

Police Maintain Presence in North Eastern Settlement as Pistol, Ammo Seized During Protest

Police are currently searching for a 24-year-old male suspect in connection with a seizure of a firearm and a quantity of ammunition in North Eastern Settlement, Sangre Grande, yesterday.

The weapons – a Beretta Pistol fitted with a magazine loaded with four rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition – were allegedly found and seized by officers of the Eastern Division Task Force and Sangre Grande Criminal Investigations Department, who responded to reports of loud explosions in the area.

According to police reports, officers of the Eastern Division executed several exercises between 10 am and 5 pm on November 28th which were coordinated by Senior Superintendent of Police, Ryan Khan.

During one of the operations, police were proceeding west along Jacob Coat North Eastern Settlement, Sangre Grande, when they observed a man from the area walking in an easterly direction along the said roadway who allegedly looked in the direction of the officers and threw an object.

The man then fled from the scene.

Police later searched the area where they reportedly found and seized the firearm and ammunition.

An arrest warrant has since been issued for the suspect as investigations are ongoing by PC West.

Meanwhile, as of 7 am today, officers of the Eastern Division are reporting no signs of protest and the roadways are now passable.

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The contingent of police officers was among Guard and Emergency Branch personnel who were deployed to restore and maintain peace and order in the area following the occurrences of protest demonstrations by residents in the area.

The protest action is reported to be in relation to a fatal police-involved shooting which occurred on November 28th that claimed the life of 33-year-old Brandon De Gale.

Investigations into this matter are also ongoing.

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