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MEDIA RELEASE

Exotic Parakeets, Capuchin Monkeys, a Firearm, and Drugs Among Items Seized by WDTF Officers

Game wardens were contacted after officers of the Western Division Task Force (WDTF) discovered exotic animals during a search warrant exercise yesterday. A quantity of cannabis was also allegedly found at the home.

The ten exotic golden-winged parakeets and two wedge-capped capuchin monkeys were allegedly found at a residence at Blue Basin Road, Diego Martin. The search was conducted in the presence of a female occupant, as the man named in the warrant was not at home. Six hundred and ninety-five grammes of cannabis was also allegedly found during the search. Game wardens were contacted and took possession of the protected animals when they arrived at the scene. The game wardens and officers are continuing enquiries.

Around 2:50 pm, the officers received information regarding a man armed with a firearm at the Carenage Fishing Centre. When they arrived at the location, they observed a man fitting the description. He was stopped and searched, and a black and silver firearm fitted with a magazine containing 10 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition was allegedly found on him. Officers also allegedly discovered 12 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition in a black purse which was allegedly concealed in his pants. A plastic bag containing 116 grammes of cannabis was allegedly found on him as well. He was arrested and taken to the station. WPC Jackson is continuing enquiries.

In a separate exercise, officers of the Carenage Police Station, Carenage Criminal Investigations Department, and other units searched a bushy area along the shoreline of the southern side of Alcon Bay Fishing Depot, Chaguaramas. They found an M26 high explosive grenade. Officers of the Explosive Detection and Disposal Unit were contacted and subsequently disarmed the grenade. Enquiries are continuing.

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