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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **10 Suspects Held, Firearm Seized and Marijuana Trees Eradicated**

Ten suspects were arrested, a firearm seized and a number of marijuana trees destroyed by officers during weekend anti-crime exercises.

In the first incident, Task Force officers of the North Eastern Division, conducted an exercise between 2 pm and 6 pm, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

During the exercise, officers paid special attention to known drug blocks and abandoned structures in the San Juan and Morvant districts.

While at Seventh Avenue, Malick, officers conducted a search of a bushy area, after observing a man fleeing the scene. The search resulted in the discovery of one pistol loaded with a magazine containing four rounds of ammunition.

Meanwhile, in Area North of the Northern Division, officers of the Arima Criminal Investigations Department (CID), with the assistance of personnel of the Arima Operations and Intelligence Unit, the Northern Division Task Force, the Arima Police Station, National Operations Task Force, the Special Investigations Unit, the Eastern Division and the North Central Division Task Force, conducted a drug eradication exercise between 7:30 am and 3 pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

During the joint operation, officers arrested three 17-year-old suspects, all of Valencia, in connection with a report of Robbery in the Aripo district.

The same party of officers then proceeded to a forested area, where they discovered a marijuana field with approximately 4,000 fully grown trees, with an estimated street value of \$2,400,000.

The field was subsequently destroyed.

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In the Eastern Division, Task Force officers, along with personnel of the Sangre Grande CID and Canine Branch, conducted an exercise between 4 pm and 8 pm, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

During the exercise, three men, ages 26 to 34 and a 21-year-old woman, all of Sangre Grande, were held for the possession of Cannabis.

Two men of Northeastern Settlement, were held for firearm related offences, while a 22-year-old suspect, also of the area was held relative to several shooting offences.

And, in the Western Division, Task Force officers, proceeded three miles into a forested area in the Patna Village district between 10 am and 4:30 pm, yesterday, where they found one bulletproof vest and 100 fully grown marijuana trees.

The trees were subsequently destroyed.

Investigations are ongoing into all of the above matters.

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