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MEDIA RELEASE

Five Held, Three Firearms and Narcotics Seized

Five suspects were arrested, three firearms and quantities of ammunition and narcotics seized by officers during State of Emergency Operations conducted in the North Eastern, Northern and North Central Divisions, yesterday.

North Eastern Division Task Force officers conducted an exercise between 10 am to 2 pm, on Tuesday 4th February, 2025, during which they proceeded to the Lower Santa Cruz district, where they arrested a 19-year-old suspect in connection with a number of Larceny and Robbery offences, in the San Juan district.

The same party of officers then proceeded to the Morvant district, where they conducted a search in the vicinity of the basketball court. The search resulted in one pistol loaded with a magazine containing 10 rounds of ammunition being discovered. Further searches resulted in an Uzi firearm, four wireless sets and one charger, being found in an old washing machine.

In the St. Joseph district, officers of the Criminal Investigations Department conducted an exercise between 8 pm on Tuesday 4th February, 2025 and Wednesday 5th February, 2025.

During the exercise, the officers attempted to stopped a silver Toyota motor vehicle with two male occupants, however it sped off. During the chase, it is alleged that the suspect seated in the passenger side, pointed a firearm in the direction of the marked police vehicle.

In keeping with the Use of Force Policy, the officers discharged one round in the direction of the vehicle, causing the suspect to drop the firearm.

The vehicle was subsequently intercepted and the two suspects, ages 25 and 26, were arrested.

One AR-15 rifle loaded with a magazine containing 30 rounds of ammunition was retrieved at the scene.

In the North Central Division, officers of the Maloney Police Station, the Special Branch, Task Force East and Customs and Excise Division, conducted an exercise between 6 pm and 9 pm, on Tuesday 4th February, 2025.

During the exercise, the officers intercepted a white Nissan Kicks motor vehicle with two male occupants, along the Churchill Roosevelt Highway in the vicinity of the Macoya Junction.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of 22.8 kilogrammes of cannabis.

The two suspects, both aged 32, of Dow Village, California, were arrested in connection with the find.

Investigations are ongoing into the above matters.

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