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\$145K in Marijuana Seized by Police following High Speed Chase

Police have seized 36 packets of marijuana with an estimated street value \$145,000 earlier this morning in Sangre Grande following a high speed chase.

A crashed silver Nissan Wingroad which was used to transport the narcotics has also been recovered and is being processed by crime scene experts.

According to police reports, at around 11.45 pm on March 9th, 2024, Traffic and Highway Patrol Branch Task Force (THPBTF) police officers were conducting a roadblock exercise at Tumpuna Road North, Arima, when a silver motor vehicle turned onto the roadway, and upon seeing police officers, the driver reversed and sped off east along the Churchill Roosevelt Highway.

THPBTF officers gave chase and a pursuit continued into the Eastern Division.

Officers of the Eastern Division Task Force, Sangre Grande Criminal Investigations Department, Emergency Response Patrol and Valencia Police Post, joined in the pursuit and mounted a roadblock in the area.

At one of the roadblocks, the driver of the Wingroad rammed into the right side of one of the police vehicles, causing damage to the vehicle.

The driver of the Wingroad, upon reaching Katwaroo Trace, Sangre Grande, subsequently ran into a wall on the northern side of the road and crashed where the two occupants exited the vehicle and escaped.

Officers mounted a search for the suspects but it proved futile.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of the packets which amounted to 24.8 kilogrammes.

PC Ali, of THPBTF, is continuing enquiries.

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