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10 Arrested, Ammunition and Illicit Drugs Seized During Anti-Crime Exercises in Northern and North Central Divisions

Ten persons were arrested, and a quantity of ammunition and illicit drugs were seized during a series of anti-crime exercises in the Northern and North Central Divisions on Friday, March 7th, 2025.

According to police reports, officers on mobile patrol were alerted to a suspect in possession of an illegal ammunition at a barbershop located on Southern Main Road, Curepe. Upon investigating, the officers conducted a search of the premises, which led to the discovery of three rounds of 16-gauge ammunition hidden in a drawer. A 32-year-old Venezuelan national, who was working as a barber at the location, was arrested and transported to the St. Joseph Police Station. He was charged with possession of ammunition.

In a separate operation, a roving drug block was held in the Arima District between 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM. During the exercise, officers observed a 38-year-old suspect engaged in transactions involving the sale and weighing of cannabis. Upon searching the suspect, officers seized 60 grams of cannabis, a silver scale, and \$1,540.00 TTD in cash. The suspect was subsequently arrested and charged with trafficking in marijuana.

Later in the day, a 40-year-old man reported to police that he was approached by a suspect while selling market produce at the Namdevco Macoya Wholesale Market. The suspect threatened him with a firearm and demanded money. The victim complied, handing over \$9,000.00 TTD. The suspect then fled in a white Nissan AD Wagon. However, security personnel at the market intervened, and officers from the Tunapuna Police Station and Criminal Investigations Department apprehended a 32-year-old man from Arouca in connection with the robbery. Investigations are ongoing.

Additionally, a warrant exercise conducted between 3:00 AM and 6:00 AM in both the North Central Division (Area East and Area West) and the Northern Division led to the arrest of nine individuals who were wanted for outstanding warrants.

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