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MEDIA RELEASE

Three Arrested, Firearm and Ammunition Seized in Eastern Division

Three suspects are currently assisting officers of the Matura Police Station with enquiries, after they were arrested during an anti-crime exercise in the district, two firearms and a quantity of ammunition and camouflage clothing were also seized during the exercise.

It was reported that around 1:00 pm yesterday, a sales man and two lorry men were conducting sales in the division, upon reaching the vicinity of 16mm mark along the Toco Main Road, they observed two men in camouflage clothing with ski masks and what appeared to be firearms, standing in the roadway. One of the suspects signalled the driver to stop the vehicle. The driver complied and a suspect demanded that he switch off the vehicle and hand over the key to the vault. The victims were then directed to lie on the roadway while another suspect attempted to access the safe with a grinder. The driver was relieved of TT\$ 300. The suspects then fled the scene in a Toyota Hilux. A report was made to the police.

A joint operation coordinated by Snr Supt Paponette supervised by Insp Harper and included Sgt Ramdeen, also Sgt Hazel of the Matura Police Station was launched. The exercise also included officers of the Eastern Division Task Force supervised by Sgt Arthur. A white Toyota Hilux was intercepted in the vicinity of 16 3/4mm Toco Main Road, Balandra by officers from the Toco Police Station supervised by Cpls Telesford and Deosaran. Three suspects who occupied the vehicle were detained and officers seized two firearms; a AR Mc Kinney rifle with a magazine and 40 rounds of 5.56 ammunition, a 9mm Pistol with a magazine and 35 rounds of 9mm ammunition, camouflage clothing, one grinder and other items of evidential value.

The suspects were arrested and along with the illegal items taken to the police station for processing. Enquires are ongoing.

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