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MEDIA RELEASE

Nine Arrested- 5 Firearms Seized, Warehouse Robbery Foiled

Police officers seized five illegal firearms, and a quick response foiled a robbery in progress, as nine suspects were arrested during anti-crime exercises conducted over the past 36 hours across various policing divisions.

Around 10 am today, Northern Division Emergency Response Patrol (NDERP) officers were on mobile patrol, when they had cause to stop and search a man of La Horquetta, in the vicinity of Red Castle, Maloney. The officers found one revolver with two rounds of ammunition tucked in his waist. The suspect was detained, and enquiries are continuing.

In the Eastern Division, roving road check exercises were conducted in the Valencia district, between 2 pm and 5 pm yesterday, Friday 7th July. During the exercise, officers acting on information stopped and searched a bronze-coloured Nissan B13 vehicle with two occupants. Upon searching one of the occupants, the officers found one Berretta Pistol, with one magazine containing 15 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition. Both men were arrested and brought to the Sangre Grande Police Station, pending further enquiries.

Meanwhile, in the North Central Division (NCD), around 3:35 pm yesterday, while on a drug/gang violence reduction exercise, officers received a transmission from the Command Centre of men armed with firearms on St John's Road, St Augustine, in the vicinity of the Community Centre. The party of officers proceeded swiftly to Palm Drive, St John's Road, St Augustine, where they observed a person fitting the description, relative to the information received. The party of officers alighted from the marked police vehicle, approached the man tactically and conducted a search of his person. A black side-bag which was strapped around the suspect's neck was checked, and one black I.M.I. Israel Uzi pistol, which contained 14 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition were found. The suspect, who resides at Bassanta Trace, St Augustine, was arrested and conveyed to the Tunapuna Police Station.

During the exercise, NCD officers also arrested a suspect from Monte Grande, Tunapuna, relative to Shooting and Gang Related enquires.

Also, in the South Western Division (SWD), around 3:30 am yesterday, SWD ERP were on a Stop and Search exercise along Southern Main Road, South Oropouche, when they stopped a silver Nissan Tiida, with three occupants. Upon searching the vehicle, the officers found a camouflage-coloured side-bag containing one Glock 19 pistol, fitted with one magazine and seven rounds of nine -millimetre ammunition. The three occupants were informed of the offence, cautioned, and arrested and taken to the Fyzabad Police Station, where further enquiries are being conducted.

In the Southern Division (SD), a party of officers proceeded to Padmore Street, Gulf View, after they received information about a known offender, who was suspected of being in possession of a firearm. The officers strategically proceeded to the mentioned area and upon arrival, observed the suspect standing approximately 30 feet away along the said street under a streetlight. The officers

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called out to him, and the suspect looked in the direction of the officers and began to run easterly towards the Embacadere area known as the 'Bronx'. The officers pursued the suspect and observed him remove and drop a black cross-strap bag from across his chest along Padmore Street. PC George retrieved the bag while the other officers continued the chase, however, the suspect managed to evade the officers. The bag, when checked, contained one Glock 17 pistol and 15 rounds of nine-millimetre ammunition. PC George is continuing enquiries.

Additionally, in the North Eastern Division (NED), one suspect, 23, of Oudan Trace, San Juan, is assisting police with enquiries into a Larceny at a warehouse. Around 12:30 am on Friday 7th July, officers of the Barataria Criminal Investigations Department (CID) were on mobile patrol, when they responded to a wireless transmission from the Command Centre relative to a report of a man on premises at Coronation Street, Aranguez Main Road, San Juan. The officers acted quickly and upon arrival, several persons were seen removing items from the building. Police are actively searching for the other perpetrators involved in the crime.

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