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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Eleven Held, Three Firearms and Drugs Seized in Ongoing Anti-Crime Exercises**

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Eleven persons were arrested for various offences including murder and gang-related activities, while three firearms and a quantity of drugs were seized by officers during sustained anti-crime exercises in the North-Central, Central, Eastern and Port of Spain Divisions.

Officers of the North Central Division conducted an exercise between 3 pm and 8 pm, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, during which they proceeded to a bushy area in the Piarco area and conducted a search.

The search resulted in officers finding a revolver, seven rounds of ammunition and one spent shell.

The same party of officers then proceeded to the Arouca district, where officers of the Canine Branch assisted in locating a Smith and Wesson pistol loaded with three rounds of ammunition in a drain.

Still in the North Central Division, Task Force officers conducted an exercise between 1 pm and 6 pm, yesterday, during which they proceeded to the Champ Fleurs district, where four men, all of the area were held for shooting and gang related offences.

Two female suspects, a 28-year-old and a 38-year-old both of the Arouca district were arrested in the Division by officers, for Obscene Language, Resisting Arrest and Obstruction.

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In the Central Division, officers conducting investigations into a report of shooting with intent in the Gran Couva district conducted a search of a blue Toyota Fielder at the Gran Couva Police Station, in the presence of three male suspects.

The search resulted in a black firearm loaded with a magazine containing four rounds of ammunition being found hidden in the glove compartment of the vehicle.

Meanwhile, in the Port of Spain Division, officers of the Inter-Agency Task Force, conducted an anti-crime exercise yesterday afternoon, during which they proceeded to a bushy area at St. Charles Lane, Morvant.

There, they found two bags containing a total of 35.2 kilogrammes of marijuana.

And, in the Eastern Division, a 25-year-old Sangre Grande man wanted in connection with a murder and wounding was arrested, while a 35-year-old, also of Sangre Grande, was arrested for possession of 2.23 kilogrammes of compressed marijuana.

Investigations are ongoing into all the above matters.

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