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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Twelve Arrested, Firearm and Ammunition Recovered in El Socorro, Mayaro and Sangre Grande**

Twelve persons were arrested and a quantity of firearms, ammunition, cannabis, and camouflage clothing were recovered during several coordinated police operations conducted across El Socorro, Mayaro, and Sangre Grande on Tuesday 28th May, 2025.

In the Northern Division, a joint roving exercise was conducted between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, which resulted in the arrest of three men; a 22-year-old and a 27-year-old, both of Arima, and a 47-year-old man of El Socorro Road, San Juan. The suspects were held in possession of one Beretta 9mm pistol, one magazine, and twenty-five rounds of 9mm ammunition. The operation was spearheaded by ACP North East Mr. Singh, Snr. Supt. Maynard Wilson, and Supt. Guy Alleyne.

In a separate anti-crime initiative in the Mayaro district, conducted between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am, officers of the Mayaro CID and TTPS Canine Unit arrested five individuals. A 23-year-old man of Union Village, Mayaro was held for questioning in relation to a report of robbery, while a 43-year-old man was jointly arrested with him. A 22-year-old man, also of Union Village, was arrested for possession of five rounds of 9mm ammunition and camouflage clothing. A 45-year-old woman of North West Road, Mafeking, was arrested in connection with a report of malicious wounding, while a 40-year-old man of Mafeking Road, who is an active member of the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, was arrested in relation to an ongoing investigation into assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

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The operation was led by Senior Superintendent Paponette and supervised by Sgt. Mohammed and Cpl. Jaikaran.

Later that day, between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm, officers carried out a series of raids, searches, and a roving road check in the Sangre Grande district. Two search warrants were executed during the exercise. At the residence of a 26-year-old man of Guy Trace North, Oropouche Road, officers discovered 81 grams of cannabis and 11 rounds of 12-gauge ammunition. He was arrested and is expected to be charged by PC Nanhoo. A second warrant was executed at the home of a 36-year-old man of Blake Avenue, Robinson Lane. Nothing illegal was found, however the individual is listed as a priority offender.

During the roving road check, officers arrested a 29-year-old man of Quash Trace, Paharry Village, Sangre Grande for possession of 65 grams of cannabis. He is also listed as a priority offender. A 30-year-old man of Morin Bay Road North, Manzanilla was arrested for possession of 86 grams of cannabis and camouflage clothing. He is a person of interest and is expected to be charged by PC West. K9 support was provided by Cpl. Ramoutar with K9 Ashes and PC Fountain with K9 Macho. Officers also paid special attention to known drug blocks at Robinson Lane, Guaico, and Quash Trace, Paharry Village. The Sangre Grande operation was coordinated by Snr. Supt. Paponette and Insp. Harper, and supervised by Sgt. Hosein with officers from the Eastern Division Task Force and Canine Unit.

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