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MEDIA RELEASE

Man Arrested, Two AR-15 Rifles among Three Illegal Firearms Seized in Western and North Eastern Divisions

Police officers have arrested a suspect, seized three more illegal firearms, this includes two AR-15 Rifles, a pistol and a quantity of ammunition in two separate exercises conducted yesterday in the Western Division and North Eastern Divisions.

During the period of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Sunday 29th December 2024, an anticrime exercise was conducted in the Western Division. The party of officers acting on intelligence information proceeded to Pioneer Drive, Petit valley where they observed a black Nissan Xtrail proceeding west along the roadway and suddenly turned onto a nearby street at a high rate of speed. A chase ensued and the driver exited the vehicle and ran south into a bushy area making good his escape.

The officers made checks of the vehicle and observed a multicolored Jan Sport back pack containing two assault rifles. One fitted with a magazine that contained 30 rounds of ammunition and the other firearm was also fitted with a magazine that contained 24 rounds of ammunition. The vehicle was conveyed to the St. James Police Station along with the illegal firearms. PC Regis continuing inquiries.

This exercise was sanctioned by Snr. Supt. Williams, spearheaded by ASP Lynch and Insp. Grant, coordinated by Sgt Dominique, supervised by Cpl Peters and included members of the Western Division Task Force.

Additionally, in the North Eastern Division, around 2:10 p.m., members of the North Eastern Division Gang Investigation Unit

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while conducting an operation in the Caledonia Morvant area, PCs Holder and Narine whilst on foot patrol observed two men, one of whom was armed with a firearm. The officers both announced their presence, however the suspect pointed the firearm in their direction when, in keeping with the use of force policy, PC Holder discharged his police issued firearm.

The suspect dropped the firearm and the both men ran off. The scene was processed and illegal items secured. The injured suspect was later discovered seeking medical attention at a medical institute. He is said to be in a stable condition.

Enquiries are continuing.

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