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3 Arrested — Gun, Ammo, Camouflage Seized during Police Operation 'Real Steel'

Over the past 24 hours, officers of the Western Division and Traffic and Highway Patrol Branch (THPB) have been conducting exercises which have led to the arrest of three suspects and the discovery of a firearm, ammunition and camouflage clothing.

Western Division officers conducted exercises at Cameron Road, Paramin, Maraval, Alcan Bay, and Chaguaramas. The officers received information and proceeded to Celestine Trace, Morne Coco Road, Maraval to an abandoned structure in a forested area where a black plastic bag containing camouflage clothing and 85 rounds of ammunition were discovered and seized.

In another exercise, officers of the Traffic and Highway Patrol Branch executed an exercise Operation Real Steel. During the exercise, officers conducted several stop-and-search exercises which resulted in the discovery of one Taurus firearm and several rounds of ammunition. Three suspects were subsequently arrested and are assisting officers with their investigation.

The discovery was made in the vicinity of the Claxton Bay Flyover Freeport.

Police reports also indicate that other persons were arrested and charged for driving under the influence, while several motorists were ticketed for traffic offenses ranging from excessive speeding, not wearing a seat belt while driving and using a mobile device while driving during the operation.

Western Division and the THPB officers are continuing investigations.

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