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Woman Among 4 Held with Gun, Army Ammo, Cocaine in West Trinidad

A 52-year-old woman from Carenage and three men were arrested yesterday evening during several operations which police seized a firearm, ammunition and narcotics.

The men are a 19-year-old from Maraval, a 26-year-old from Cocorite and a 43-year-old from Diego Martin.

In the first incident, Western Division Task Force (WDTF) police officers executed a search warrant at the home of the woman during which they allegedly found and seized a bag containing cocaine wrapped in a curtain in the bedroom. The woman was immediately arrested.

As the WDTF officers were leaving the house, they spotted a man acting suspiciously outside the premises. The police officers called out to the man who was later searched. During the search, police allegedly found and seized three foil packets and one transparent plastic bag containing cocaine in the man's front pocket. He too was subsequently arrested.

In the second incident, the WDTF was patrolling the Upper Waterhole, Cocorite area, when they spotted a heavily-tinted motor vehicle along Lady Hochoy Circular Road, being driven in a suspicious manner.

Police officers alighted from marked police vehicles and approached the driver and a search ensued.

While searching the vehicle, the WDTF allegedly found one pistol in the center console.

Further checks revealed that the pistol was fitted with a magazine and had several rounds of ammunition with 'TTR' markings. The officers seized the items and arrested the 26-year-old suspect in connection with the finds.

Meanwhile, a 19-year-old man was arrested in the vicinity of Hilltop Drive, Paramin, for possession of ammunition.

According to police reports, while on patrol, WDTF officers observed a motor vehicle along Cameron Road, when the front seat passenger allegedly looked in the direction of the oncoming marked police vehicle and slouched in his seat.

Another team of police officers in the area was alerted to the incident and later blocked the vehicle nearby with the occupants.

Police subsequently approached the vehicle and told the suspect of their observations and he was searched.

There, police allegedly found, concealed in a white plastic bag, seven rounds of ammunition in the passenger's front left pocket. He was arrested.

The exercises were coordinated by Senior Superintendent (Ag.), Western Division, Anthony Remy, with direct supervision by Inspector Joel Grant who was supported by Sgt Jack and Cpls Hunte, Edwards and PC Peters, Myers, Rogers, Roberts, Figueira, Peltier and WPC Primus.

PCs Peters and Wilson-Dowers are leading investigations into the matters.

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