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MEDIA RELEASE

5 Firearms, \$6.3 Million Worth of Marijuana Seized During Weekend Exercises

Several persons were arrested, five firearms and quantities of ammunition and marijuana seized, by officers during several anti-crime exercises conducted across the country over the weekend.

In the Southern Division, officers of the Barrackpore Police Station received information of a suspect in the act of cutting telephone cables in the vicinity of the Barrackpore Recreation Ground around 1 am on Saturday 23rd April, 2022.

Upon arriving at the scene, the officers conducted a search of a silver Nissan Tiida motor vehicle and allegedly found 50 feet of copper cables, along with several cutting implements in the trunk.

Four men, ages 18 to 36, were arrested in connection with the find. A search of one of the suspects, resulted in officers allegedly finding one Smith and Wesson revolver and three rounds of ammunition in his possession.

Also in the Southern Division on Saturday, officers of the Princes Town Police Station conducted an exercise between 10 am and midday, during which they stopped and searched a white B14 motor vehicle with three male occupants.

The search resulted in officers finding 545 grammes of marijuana in the vehicle. The suspects, 23 to 27, all of Moruga were arrested in connection with the find.

Also, around 10:20 pm on Saturday, officers of the Southern Division Criminal Investigations Department, Operations and

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Intelligence Unit, were on patrol in the San Fernando district, when they observed a male suspect walking along the roadway.

Upon seeing the officers, the suspect started walking in the opposite direction and allegedly threw an object resembling that of a firearm onto the ground. The officers held the man and retrieved the object which was found to be a Beretta pistol fitted with a magazine containing three rounds of ammunition.

The suspect, a 17-year-old of Diamond Village was arrested in connection with the find.

In Area West of the North Central Division, officers conducted an anti-crime exercise between 4 am and 8 am, on Saturday 23rd April, 2022, during which they executed search warrants for firearms and ammunition in the Tunapuna district.

The searches resulted in officers finding one Ruger pistol fitted with a magazine containing four rounds of ammunition in a bushy area along Pasea Street, Extension, Tunapuna.

The exercise was coordinated by ACP Samaroo, Snr. Supt. Ramphal, Supt. Powder, ASP Coggins and spearheaded by Insp. Highly with the assistance of members of the St. Joseph Criminal Investigations Department, the St. Joseph and Tunapuna Warrant Staff and the TTPS Canine Unit.

In the Eastern Division, officers of the Stolen Vehicles Squad conducted an anti-crime exercise around 2 pm, on Saturday 23rd April, 2022, during which they came upon a marijuana plantation in a bushy area off La Seiva Road, Sangre Grande.

With the assistance of the Eastern Division Task Force, the officers destroyed 5,000 fully grown marijuana trees, 200 marijuana seedlings, 10 pounds of cured marijuana.

The drugs have an estimated street value of TT\$6.3 million dollars.

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Meanwhile, in an anti-crime exercise conducted in the Northern Division, by officers of the Northern Division Task Force- Area North, the Pinto Police Post and the Canine Unit, between 10 am and 5 pm, on Sunday 24th April, 2022, officers found one Taurus pistol loaded with a magazine containing five rounds of ammunition.

The exercise was spearheaded by ACP Samaroo, Snr. Supt. Pamponette and coordinated by Supt. Edwards, ASP Etienne and Insp. Pitt.

And, an exercise conducted in the Toco district between 11:30 am and 4 pm, yesterday, Sunday 24th April, 2022, by officers of the Eastern Division, resulted in a 52-year-old Toco man being arrested for possession of a Taurus revolver and seven rounds of ammunition.

Investigations into all incidents are ongoing.

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