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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION

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Customs and Excise Division Seizes Marijuana Shipment at Port of Spain

The Customs and Excise Division (C&ED) successfully intercepted a shipment of marijuana during routine operations at a Port of Spain Customs Bonded Area on Wednesday 18th March, 2026.

Following a swift response from the Preventive Branch, Officers conducted a detailed examination of a shipment presented for clearance. The inspection revealed four (4) packages containing a green plant-like material concealed within the cargo. Field testing confirmed the substance as cannabis, with an estimated street value of **\$424,490.00**. One individual was arrested and formally charged in connection with the seizure.

The accused subsequently appeared before a Master of the High Court and was granted bail in the sum of \$200,000.00 with surety. This successful interdiction highlights the Division's unwavering vigilance in protecting the borders of Trinidad and Tobago. Through intelligence-led operations and professional execution, officers continue to prevent the entry of illegal narcotics into local communities.

The Customs and Excise Division remains dedicated to dismantling the illicit drug trade and combating transnational crime. Since January 2026, the Customs and Excise Division has significantly intensified its enforcement efforts, resulting in the successful interception and seizure of narcotics with an estimated street value exceeding \$13,000,000.00. By utilising modern enforcement techniques and maintaining strong partnerships with local and international agencies, the Division continues to safeguard national security and the well-being of the public. Furthermore, the organisation reaffirms its commitment to enforcing the laws of Trinidad and Tobago, protecting national revenue, and upholding the highest standards of integrity.

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