



## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Customs and Excise Division Intercepts Firearm and Marijuana**

On Monday 22nd June, 2026, the Customs and Excise Division (C&ED) successfully intercepted a shipment containing marijuana and a firearm during an intelligence-led operation conducted at a Customs Bonded Area in Port of Spain.

The detailed examination of cargo consigned to a retired Customs and Excise Guard resulted in the discovery of eleven (11 packages) containing a green plant like substance resembling that of the Dangerous Drug Marijuana with an estimated street value of \$1.4 million TTD, as well as a separate package containing a black metallic object resembling that of a firearm concealed within a washer and dryer.

Officers attached to the Customs Canine Enforcement Unit and Preventive Branch immediately secured and seized the prohibited items. The Firearms Trafficking Interdiction Unit (FTIU) and Special Investigations Unit (SIU) of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service provided valuable assistance during the investigation. As a result of the investigation one individual was arrested and formally charged in connection with the seizure. The Accused will appear before a Master of the High Court today (Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026) to answer to offences of the Customs Act Chapter 78:01.

The seizure highlights the Division's ongoing vigilance in preventing the importation of prohibited goods, illegal narcotics, and items that pose a threat to national security and public safety. The Customs and Excise Division remains committed to working closely with its partners within the National Security Network to combat transnational crime, disrupt illicit trafficking networks, and enforce the laws of Trinidad and Tobago. The Division further reaffirms its dedication to protecting national revenue, securing the nation's borders, and upholding the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, and integrity.

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