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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION

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MEDIA RELEASE

Discovery of Firearm and Ammunition at Piarco International Airport

On Saturday 15th August, 2026, a male passenger arrived at the Piarco International Airport aboard JetBlue Airways Flight B617 from John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York.

During the course of routine Customs operations, the passenger was found to be in possession of one (1) Ruger firearm, one (1) magazine and twelve (12) rounds of .380 ammunition.

The passenger was formally charged under Sections 212(a) and 213(a) of the Customs Act, Chapter 78:01. The Accused appeared before a Master of the High Court, on Tuesday 18th August, 2026. The charges were laid indictably, and the Accused was not called upon to enter a plea. He was remanded into custody and is scheduled to reappear before the Court on 9th September, 2026.

The Customs and Excise Division continues to maintain a robust presence at the nation's ports of entry and remains committed to preventing the illicit importation of firearms, ammunition and other prohibited or restricted items into Trinidad and Tobago.

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