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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **COUNTER TRAFFICKING UNIT CONTINUES INVESTIGATIONS INTO HUMAN TRAFFICKING INCIDENT**

Contrary to media reports on a recent human trafficking incident, the Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU) of the Ministry of National Security wishes to advise that it is continuing to pursue investigations into the alleged human trafficking activity in the Arouca area and that it has obtained sufficient evidence to prosecute the matter in collaboration with relevant authorities. The evidence is being processed at this time to advance legal action.

Human trafficking investigations require special skills, expertise and appreciation of sensitivities in order to protect the identity of victims of trafficking and to maintain confidentiality in investigations. As a result, the CTU is unable to disclose the details of its investigations and always seeks to operate on a need-to-know basis by adopting a victim-centered approach, in keeping with international best practice.

Human Trafficking is organized crime and the media and public are urged to remain on the lookout for indicators of trafficking.

If you know of or suspect any human trafficking activities, please call the CTU at **800-4CTU/4288**. All calls are anonymous.

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