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OPERATION G-RIDE: CTU DISMANTLES MAJOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING RING IN TUNAPUNA

Port-of-Spain: In a significant breakthrough against human trafficking in Trinidad and Tobago, the Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU) of the Ministry of Homeland Security executed Operation G-Ride, in the early hours of Friday 06 June, 2025.

Following six months of intensive intelligence gathering and surveillance, CTU officers, supported by the Immigration Division and the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), conducted a coordinated raid at a residence on St. Vincent Street, Tunapuna. The operation involved the collaborative efforts of the TTPS Special Branch, Financial Investigations Branch (FIB), Criminal Investigations Department/Criminal Records Office (CID/CRO), and Crime Scene Unit.

At the scene, authorities discovered a total of seventeen persons: twelve adult females between the ages of 18 and 26, two adult males aged 21 and 28, one minor female aged 16, and two babies under the age of three. All were Venezuelan nationals, except for one of the babies, who is a Trinidadian national. Rapid human trafficking screening was conducted on-site, resulting in the identification of three adult females as Victims of Trafficking (VoTs). These individuals are now under the care of the CTU's Protection Team. The remaining persons were handed over to the Immigration Division for further processing.

One Venezuelan national was arrested at the scene. The suspect's baby (a Trinidadian national) and the 16-year-old potential VoT were both transferred to the care of the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago. Additionally, officers recovered one illegal firearm and seized \$150,000 TTD in cash suspected to be linked to illicit trafficking proceeds.

This successful operation followed intelligence related to the sexual exploitation of Latin American females in bars along the East-West Corridor and represents a

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decisive disruption of an active trafficking ring, marking the first of several such operations planned for 2025.

The CTU remains committed to aggressively pursuing traffickers, protecting victims, and dismantling criminal networks exploiting vulnerable populations.

If you suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking, report it.

Contact the CTU Hotline at 800-4CTU (4288). Your voice could help save a life.

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