

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 400

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS, 2026

ORDER

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE EMERGENCY POWERS
REGULATIONS, 2026

DETENTION ORDER

WHEREAS it is enacted by regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, that the provisions of the Schedule shall have effect for the purpose of the preventive detention of persons:

And whereas it is provided in paragraph 2 of the Schedule of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, that the Minister may, if satisfied with respect to any person that, with a view to preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to public safety and that it is necessary to provide for his preventive detention, make an order that he be detained and stating concisely the grounds for such detention:

And whereas it is further provided in paragraph 3(1) of the Schedule of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, that any person in respect of whom a detention order is in force may be arrested without warrant by any police officer and may be detained in such place and under such conditions as the Minister may from time to time direct:

And whereas I, the Honourable Roger Alexander, Minister of Homeland Security, am satisfied with respect to ELIJAH HALLS also known as “SCROOGE” also known as “SCRUGE” of Light Pole No. 1, Pariag Street, Marabella, that it is necessary to provide for his preventive detention with a view to preventing him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety:

Now, therefore, I, the Honourable Roger Alexander, Minister of Homeland Security, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me, do hereby order that the said ELIJAH HALLS also known as “SCROOGE” also known as “SCRUGE” of Light Pole No. 1, Pariag Street, Marabella, shall be detained at the Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre located at Santa Rosa, Arima, or such other place as I may from time to

time direct as the place where the said ELIJAH HALLS also known as “SCROOGE” also known as “SCRUGE” of Light Pole No. 1, Pariag Street, Marabella, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 31st day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

TAKE NOTICE that the grounds upon which this detention order is made are as follows:

The detainee, ELIJAH HALLS also known as “SCROOGE” also known as “SCRUGE” has been credibly identified by law enforcement intelligence as a prominent operational member of an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, active within the Southern Division. Operating under the leadership of Ancil Bishop (alias “Backa”), this enterprise relies on coordinated armed robberies, gang-related shootings, and the targeted robbery of rival illicit dealers to fund and maintain a cache of illegal firearms. Recent investigations conclusively link the detainee to an escalating, violent turf war against a rival faction led by Nigel Applewhite (alias “Moonie”) within the Marabella policing district. Specifically, the detainee has been identified as a key actor in multiple offences throughout February and March, 2026, including two armed robberies with aggravation and an armed robbery. Following an attempt to evade capture by relocating to Claxton Bay, the detainee was arrested on 22nd May, 2026, in personal possession of an illegal firearm magazine containing seven rounds of 9mm ammunition. Intelligence confirms that the detainee and his associates intend to use illicit proceeds to acquire further weaponry for imminent public retaliatory shootings, rendering his preventive detention strictly necessary to safeguard public safety and national security.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, is necessary to disrupt these plans and prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 31st day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security