

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 456

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 STERLING WALCOTT also known as “STERLEY” also known as “WORDLY” of No. 6 Richardson Trace, Pepper Village, Fyzabad, 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 STERLING WALCOTT also known as “STERLEY” also known as “WORDLY” of No. 6 Richardson Trace, Pepper Village, Fyzabad, 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 STERLING WALCOTT also known as “STERLEY” also known as “WORDLY” of No. 6 Richardson Trace, Pepper Village, Fyzabad, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 12th 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, STERLING WALCOTT also known as “STERLEY” also known as “WORDLY” has been credibly identified as the leader of an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the legal definition in the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, which is known as the Oropouche Gang. The OCG has access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is engaged in drug and firearm trafficking, money laundering and shootings. The detainee and others have been linked by confidential intelligence to a recent attempt to kill gang rivals using high-powered firearms in a public space and intend to imminently repeat this attempt. The detainee and others also intend to escalate their trafficking and sales of narcotics, firearms and ammunition.

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

Made this 12th day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security