

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 488

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 her from acting in any manner prejudicial to public safety and that it is necessary to provide for her preventive detention, make an order that she 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 MARGARET CASTILLO also known as “MAGPIE” of Light Pole No. 6, Maturita Extension, Bye Pass Road, Arima, that it is necessary to provide for her preventive detention with a view to preventing her 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 MARGARET CASTILLO also known as “MAGPIE” of Light Pole No. 6, Maturita Extension, Bye Pass Road, Arima, shall be detained at the Women’s Prison, Golden Grove, Arouca, or such other place as I may from time to time direct as the place

where the said MARGARET CASTILLO also known as “MAGPIE” of Light Pole No. 6, Maturita Extension, Bye Pass Road, Arima, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 22nd day of June, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, MARGARET CASTILLO also known as “MAGPIE” has been credibly identified through intelligence, surveillance and investigative evidence as a facilitator and active supporter of an organised criminal network known as the Under No Order (U.N.O.) Gang, an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. Investigations have revealed that the detainee utilised her residence and Mini Mart located at Light Pole No. 6, Maturita Extension, Bye Pass Road, Arima as a central hub for gang operations, including drug trafficking, meetings and the storage of illegal firearms. Further intelligence confirm that her premises were used for the sale and distribution of narcotics and the collection of proceeds on behalf of the said gang. Credible information indicates that the U.N.O. Gang is responsible for several serious violent crimes, including multiple homicides and that the detainee has continued to provide support to incarcerated gang leadership by facilitating communication and conveying instructions to further acts of violence. The detainee’s actions demonstrate active association with an organised criminal network, facilitation of gang-related violence and substantial support to a criminal enterprise posing a significant threat to public safety. In light of the foregoing, it is necessary to issue a Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, to prevent the detainee from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety of Trinidad and Tobago.

Made this 22nd day of June, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security