

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 528

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 LERON LARRY MENDOZA of No. 55 Spike Avenue, Esperanza Village, California, 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, hereby order that the said LERON LARRY MENDOZA of No. 55 Spike Avenue, Esperanza Village, California, shall be detained at the Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre, Santa Rosa, Arima, or such other

place as I may from time to time direct, as the place where the said LERON LARRY MENDOZA of No. 55 Spike Avenue, Esperanza Village, California, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 3rd day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, LERON LARRY MENDOZA has been credibly identified through confidential intelligence as a member of an Informal Crime Group ('ICG') operating in the California/Couva area. The ICG has confirmed access to firearms and ammunition and is engaged in trafficking of narcotics and firearms, armed robberies, shootings, assault and intimidation of witnesses. Confidential intelligence indicates that the detainee is an enforcer of the ICG and he and others are actively involved in plans to imminently escalate armed robberies on commercial establishments and members of the public, using firearms in public spaces and to supply firearms and ammunition to facilitate the commission of these attacks.

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

Made this 3rd day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security