

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 635

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 ELVIS RYAN LOPEZ also known as “PIGGY” also known as “PIG” of No. 1780 Basse Terre Village, Moruga, 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 ELVIS RYAN LOPEZ also known as “PIGGY” also known as “PIG” of No. 1780 Basse Terre Village, Moruga,

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 ELVIS RYAN LOPEZ also known as “PIGGY” also known as “PIG” of No. 1780 Basse Terre Village, Moruga, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 6th day of August, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, ELVIS RYAN LOPEZ also known as “PIGGY” also known as “PIG” has been credibly identified as an affiliate of an Informal Organised Crime Group (‘ICG’) operating in the Moruga and St. Mary’s districts and environs. The ICG has confirmed access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is engaged in the trafficking of firearms, ammunition, illegal narcotics, armed home invasions and shootings. The detainee is an enforcer for the ICG. Confidential intelligence links the detainee to boat operators and other actors involved in the importation and distribution of firearms, ammunition and illegal narcotics. Further intelligence links the detainee and others to a recent violent, armed home invasions and shootings in the district. He and others intend to imminently escalate these armed attacks using high-powered firearms in public spaces and during home invasions which threaten public safety.

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 6th day of August, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security