

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 641

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 RONALDO SEAN PATTERSON also known as “NALDO” of Building No. 45, Building No. 6, Apartment B, Duncan Street, Port-of-Spain, 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 RONALDO SEAN PATTERSON also known as “NALDO” of Building No. 45, Building No. 6, Apartment B,

Duncan Street, Port-of-Spain, 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 RONALDO SEAN PATTERSON also known as “NALDO” of Building No. 45, Building No. 6, Apartment B, Duncan Street, Port-of-Spain, 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, RONALDO SEAN PATTERSON also known as “NALDO” has been credibly identified as a member and active participant of the Snatching Ring Gang (SRG), an Organised Criminal Group (‘OCG’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, which operates primarily within the Upper Duncan Street area of Port-of-Spain and carries out armed robberies and violent attacks on rivals using illegal firearms. The SRG is a faction of a larger OCG known to law enforcement as the “7 Gang”. Confidential intelligence indicates that members of the SRG are engaged in coordinated criminal activities including larceny from the person, violent robberies, gang-related shootings and retaliatory acts of violence throughout Port-of-Spain and its environs. Further intelligence indicates that the detainee and others have been instructed to obtain firearms and arm themselves to imminently attack rival gang members in public spaces to maintain control over territory used for criminal enterprises, which is a threat to 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