

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 663

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 JASON LAWRENCE, also known as “BOY BOY” also known as “SMILEY” of 157, Eastern Main Road, Arouca, 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 JASON LAWRENCE, also known as “BOY BOY” also known as “SMILEY” of 157, Eastern Main Road,

Arouca, 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 JASON LAWRENCE, also known as “BOY BOY” also known as “SMILEY” of 157, Eastern Main Road, Arouca, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 16th 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, JASON LAWRENCE also known as “BOY BOY” also known as “SMILEY” has been credibly identified as a member of the Muslim Gang, which is an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, that operates principally within the Arouca, Lopinot and surrounding North Central areas. The detainee and the OCG have confirmed access to a cache of firearms and ammunition. Confidential intelligence identifies the detainee as a shooter and enforcer within the OCG gang and being linked to the obtention, distribution and concealment of firearms and ammunition by and for the OCG. Further intelligence links the detainee to recent homicides and shootings in public areas. The detainee and others are planning further imminent attacks using firearms 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 16th day of August, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security