

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 682

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 SHUZELLE KIRTON also called “SHUZELLE AMANDA THELMA P. KIRTON” of No. 196 Boodram Street, Enterprise, Chaguanas and also of No. 196 Jack Street, Enterprise, Chaguanas, 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 SHUZELLE KIRTON also called “SHUZELLE AMANDA THELMA P KIRTON” of No. 196 Boodram Street, Enterprise, Chaguanas and also of No. 196 Jack Street, Enterprise, Chaguanas, 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

SHUZELLE KIRTON also called “SHUZELLE AMANDA THELMA P. KIRTON” of No. 196 Boodram Street, Enterprise, Chaguanas and also of No. 196 Jack Street, Enterprise, Chaguanas, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 12th 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, SHUZELLE KIRTON also called “SHUZELLE AMANDA THELMA P. KIRTON” is credibly linked to an organised criminal group/ gang engaged in the trafficking and attempted introduction of dangerous drugs and other prohibited articles into the prison system for the benefit of her common-law husband, who is presently detained in relation to suspected contraband trafficking into the Arouca Maximum Security Prison, Golden Grove Prison and Port-of-Spain Prison through drone deliveries for financial gain and in support of a criminal network. On 3rd August, 2026, while visiting her common-law husband at the Golden Grove Prison, the detainee was intercepted during the prison security process with a transparent bag bearing the name “Troy Gregoire”. Concealed within seven apples in that bag were 53 grams of material believed to be marijuana, 54 cigarettes and 126 pieces of wrapping paper. The articles had been deliberately concealed within the fruit in a manner intended to circumvent prison security. After being cautioned, the detainee stated that she had collected the bag from a member of Gregoire’s family and that “I bring the items for Troy”. On February 2025, the detainee and Troy Mc Gregoire were also jointly charged in relation to possession of dangerous drugs after police recovered a combined 511 grams of material resembling cannabis from the premises occupied by the detainee and associated with Gregoire, together with a drone, four batteries and a controller. The detainee was on bail in relation to that matter when the incident of 3rd August, 2026, occurred. Her recent conduct demonstrates a continuing willingness to facilitate the supply of drugs and other prohibited articles into the prison system notwithstanding Gregoire’s detention and her own pending criminal proceedings.

Such trafficking undermines prison security, facilitates illicit financial activity capable of supporting gangs and criminal networks, and poses a threat to public officers, prison officers, inmates and public safety.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, is therefore necessary to disrupt the continuation or re-establishment of such contraband trafficking arrangements and to prevent her from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 12th day of August, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security