

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 691

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 KESTON PIERRE also known as “PIERRE BULLY” of Sunset Drive, Sangre Grande, 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 KESTON PIERRE also known as “PIERRE BULLY” of Sunset Drive, Sangre Grande, 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 KESTON PIERRE also known as “PIERRE BULLY” of Sunset Drive, Sangre Grande, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 2nd day of September, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, KESTON PIERRE also known as “PIERRE BULLY” is a Prison Officer I who has been credibly identified through intelligence, surveillance and ongoing police enquiries as a participant in an organised and continuing network engaged in introducing prohibited articles into the Golden Grove Prison, Arouca. He played an integral role in facilitating the operation from within the prison by using his official position and access to arrange the movement of designated inmates to the visiting area so that prohibited articles carried into the prison by Marion Alicia Elder could be transferred to them. The investigation indicates that the detainee personally escorted an inmate to the visiting area to facilitate the handover from Elder and thereafter escorted him back to his cell while ensuring that he was not subjected to a search that would readily expose the prohibited articles. The same procedure is alleged to have been repeated in relation to other inmates who are remanded in connection with murder matters. A preliminary examination of Elder’s cellular telephone disclosed WhatsApp communications and voice notes involving prison personnel and inmates concerning the movement and delivery of prohibited articles into the prison, including communications between Elder and a contact identified as “Pierre Bully”, consistent with the detainee’s alias. Following Elder’s arrest on 24th August, 2026, after she was allegedly detected attempting to introduce a substantial quantity of cigarettes, marijuana and other prohibited articles into the

prison, further intelligence indicated that the detainee instructed inmates through WhatsApp to delete voice notes and conversations relating to the operation. A subsequent search of an inmate's cell recovered a cellular telephone whose preliminary examination showed deleted conversations and instructions from a contact saved as "Bully". The investigation further records intelligence that the detainee and Elder received financial compensation following successful deliveries and that the contraband-smuggling arrangement had operated over an extended period. The detainee remains an active Prison Officer with access to prison personnel, inmates and institutional procedures. If permitted to remain at liberty, he will continue facilitating transfers of prohibited articles to inmates, communicate with other members of the network, circumvent prison security procedures, alert participants to investigative activity, destroy or conceal evidence, influence potential witnesses or assist the network in altering its methods of operation.

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

Made this 2nd day of September, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security