

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 692

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 MARION ALICIA ELDER of 499, Chiton Street, Bon Air West, Arouca, 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 MARION ALICIA ELDER of 499, Chiton Street, Bon Air West, Arouca, 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 MARION ALICIA ELDER of 499, Chiton Street, Bon Air West, Arouca, 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, MARION ALICIA ELDER 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. Her role was to obtain prohibited articles from persons designated by inmates, conceal those articles on her person, use her status and access as a Prison Officer to enter the prison and transfer the articles to designated inmates in the visiting area, with the assistance of other prison personnel including Keston Pierre also known as "Pierre Bully". On 24th August, 2026, while the detainee was on approved vacation leave, she attended the Golden Grove Prison and was arrested after allegedly being detected in possession of 458 Broadway cigarettes, approximately 189 grams of marijuana, two Samsung headsets, eight AAA Duracell batteries and twelve Alka-Seltzer Plus tablets intended for introduction into the prison. Notwithstanding being on vacation leave from June, 2026, she had made four visits to the prison during that period. A preliminary examination of her cellular telephone further disclosed WhatsApp communications and voice notes involving prison personnel and inmates who are remanded in connection with murder matters, concerning the movement and delivery of prohibited articles into the prison. The material also records communications between the detainee and Keston Pierre and intelligence that participants in the network received financial compensation following successful deliveries. The investigation

assesses the operation as an established and continuing arrangement capable of undermining prison security, sustaining an illicit prison economy and providing resources to inmates and external associates. If permitted to remain at liberty, the detainee will continue communicating with other members of the network, assist in the movement of prohibited articles, alert other participants to investigative activity, destroy or conceal evidence, influence potential witnesses or assist in altering the network's methods of operation.

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

Made this 2nd day of September, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security