

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 422

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS, 2025

ORDER

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE EMERGENCY POWERS
REGULATIONS, 2025

DETENTION ORDER

WHEREAS it is enacted by regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, 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, 2025, 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, 2025, 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 GEROME AWAI also called JEROME AWAI also called “BUSH” of Church Street, Petit Valley, 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 of Trinidad and Tobago:

Now, therefore, I, the Honourable Roger Alexander, Minister of Homeland Security, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me, hereby order that the said GEROME AWAI also called JEROME AWAI also called “BUSH” of Church Street, Petit Valley, shall be detained in 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 GEROME AWAI also called JEROME AWAI also called “BUSH” of Church Street, Petit Valley, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 25th day of September, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, GEROME AWAI also called JEROME AWAI also called “BUSH” has been credibly identified as the leader of the “Valley Monsters” which is an Organized Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG is connected to other larger OCGS such as the “RICHPLAIN GANG” and the “9 GANG”. The OCG possesses a cache of high-powered firearms and is responsible for murders, armed robberies, narcotics and firearms trafficking. The detainee and others are conspiring to imminently commit murders of persons they believe have given information adverse to them, other armed robberies and reprisal shootings all of which are to take place in public areas using high-powered firearms.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, is necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 25th day of September, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security