

LEGAL NOTICE No. 461

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 SEAN DES VIGNES of 44, St. Barbs Road, Laventille, 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 on me, hereby order that the said SEAN DES VIGNES of 44, St. Barbs Road, Laventille, shall be detained, and do hereby authorise 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 SEAN DES VIGNES of 44, St. Barbs Road, Laventille, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 22nd day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, SEAN DES VIGNES, is a member of the organised crime group (OCG) known as the St. Barbs faction of the 7 Gang, a gang within the meaning of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG is an organised and violent criminal network with a firmly established operational base in Laventille and Port-of-Spain. He was observed conducting surveillance two days prior to the robbery of the Seven-11 Casino. Des Vignes is currently on bail for robbery charges and is linked to a prior robbery incident in the St. James District. His continued presence in active gang environments, despite court-imposed restrictions, supports intelligence that he remains operationally involved. He is linked to recent robberies in the St. James area and is reported to participate in group robberies and co-ordinated getaway planning. He is considered a persistent offender and a danger to public safety. His willingness to engage in violent, high-profile robberies in commercial areas poses a direct threat to public safety. Des Vignes and related persons are believed to be involved in a series of co-ordinated, firearm-enabled robberies, tactical gang operations, and planned criminal activity, which pose an immediate and significant threat to public safety and national security.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2025, is needed as information indicates that he has and intend to act in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 22nd day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security