

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 125

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 ELLIS ALEXANDER of Light Pole No. 72, Dundonald Hill, Long Circular Road, St. James and No. 17 Dibe Road, Long Circular Road, St. James, 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 ELLIS ALEXANDER of Light Pole No. 72, Dundonald Hill, Long Circular Road, St. James and No. 17 Dibe Road,

Long Circular Road, St. James, shall be detained at the Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre, Santa Rosa, Arima, or such other place as I may from time to time direct as the place where the said KESTON ELLIS ALEXANDER of Light Pole No. 72, Dundonald Hill, Long Circular Road, St. James and No. 17 Dibe Road, Long Circular Road, St. James, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 25th day of March, 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 ELLIS ALEXANDER has been credibly identified as a member of an organised crime group/gang operating within Upper Dundonald Hill, St. James, which engages in narcotic trafficking and firearm-related violence. The detainee was identified as the perpetrator of a shooting incident in a public and well-lit area at Dundonald Hill on 16th March, 2026, where he discharged a firearm at a group of persons, resulting in serious gunshot injuries to two individuals before fleeing the scene. The intelligence further demonstrates an escalation in the detainee's conduct from prior disputes to the use of a firearm in a retaliatory attack, evidencing a clear and ongoing threat to public safety and a likelihood of further violence, including potential retaliation against victims and interference with witnesses. The detainee's continued liberty poses a significant and immediate risk to public safety of Trinidad and Tobago. His detention is necessary to disrupt further criminal activity and to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

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

Made this 25th day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security