

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 353

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 GABRIEL JOSEPH also called “PAPSY” also called “GABRIEL BISHOP” of Cemetery Street, Rio Claro, 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 GABRIEL JOSEPH also called “PAPSY” also called “GABRIEL BISHOP” of Cemetery Street, Rio Claro, 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 GABRIEL JOSEPH also called “PAPSY” also called “GABRIEL BISHOP” of Cemetery Street, Rio Claro, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 18th day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, GABRIEL JOSEPH also called “PAPSY” also called “GABRIEL BISHOP” has been credibly identified as an active participant in violent robberies and the use and possession of illegal firearms within the Rio Claro district. The detainee was involved in a violent robbery committed on 9th May, 2026, at Tabaquite Road, Rio Claro, during which armed offenders robbed an establishment of cash and alcoholic beverages while customers and employees were present. The detainee has a prior criminal history and is associated with known violent offenders involved in organised criminal activity and has access to multiple illegal firearms used in robberies and other violent offences. The detainee has demonstrated a continued propensity for violent criminal conduct and recruitment of other individuals into criminal activity. The detainee’s continued liberty presents a serious and immediate threat to public safety, including the likelihood of further violent robberies, firearm-related offences, intimidation of members of the public, and continued participation in organised criminal activity.

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 18th day of May, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security