

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 288

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, 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 ISIAH LAWRENCE also called “ISIAH” aka “JOSIAH PHILLIP” of Light Pole No. 34A, Upper St. Francois Valley Road, 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, do hereby order that the said ISIAH LAWRENCE also called “ISIAH” aka “JOSIAH PHILLIP” of Light Pole No. 34A, Upper St. Francois Valley Road, 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 ISIAH LAWRENCE also called “ISIAH” aka “JOSIAH PHILLIP” of Light Pole No. 34A, Upper St. Francois Valley Road, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 2nd 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, ISIAH LAWRENCE also called “ISIAH” aka “JOSIAH PHILLIP”, is a member of an Organised crime group (OCG) known as the St. Barbs Faction of the 7 Gang, an organised and violent criminal network with a firmly established operational base in Laventille and Port-of-Spain. He was arrested near the scene of the Seven-11 Casino robbery and was identified by eyewitnesses as having participated in the assault on casino staff. Intelligence links him to previous robbery planning meetings held in St. Barbs and Village Council Street. He is believed to operate as part of a trusted inner circle deployed to carry out high-risk criminal assignments, including target surveillance and firearm use. Police intelligence suggests Lawrence has participated in at least one prior robbery, and his name has surfaced in multiple confidential informant reports concerning gang operations in Laventille. Officers also report his regular presence at known gang safehouses and his association with senior gang operatives. His willingness to engage in violent, high-profile robberies in commercial areas poses a direct threat to public safety. Lawrence and related persons are believed to be involved in a series of coordinated, firearm-enabled robberies, tactical gang operations, and planned criminal activity, which pose an immediate and significant threat to public safety and national security.

Made this 2nd day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER  
*Minister of Homeland Security*