

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 320

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 ANSIL VALDEZ also called “FOOTS” of 102–104, Seemungal Trace, Penal Rock Road, Penal, 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 ANSIL VALDEZ also called “FOOTS” of 102–104, Seemungal Trace, Penal Rock Road, Penal, 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 ANSIL VALDEZ also called “FOOTS” of 102–104, Seemungal Trace, Penal Rock Road, Penal, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 20th 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, ANSIL VALDEZ also called “FOOTS” (hereinafter referred to as “the detainee”), has been credibly identified as a member of an Organised Crime Group (OCG) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG is based in Penal and operating across Barrackpore, St. Mary's, Debe and Penal. The OCG is actively involved in stealing motor vehicles and trafficking stolen auto parts, using the detainee's business as a front. The detainee has a criminal record, including a conviction in 2003, for larceny of a motor vehicle and numerous other charges for larceny of motor vehicles and receiving stolen goods. The detainee and others in the OCG plan to imminently carry out revenge attacks on rival OCGs following a home invasion at the detainee's residence. The detainee is known to have been involved in a public shooting and killing on 29th July, 2025, which was a retaliatory act ordered by the detainee. These planned attacks are to occur in public areas, utilising high-powered rifles to which the OCG has access creating a high risk of injury or death to civilians and bystanders. The detention of the detainee is considered necessary 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, 2025, is necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 20th day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security