

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 321

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 KERN COOPER also called “PUSSIN” of No. 66 Easy Street, Fyzabad, 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 KERN COOPER also called “PUSSIN” of No. 66 Easy Street, Fyzabad, 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 KERN COOPER also called “PUSSIN” of No. 66 Easy Street, Fyzabad, 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, KERN COOPER also called “PUSSIN” (hereinafter referred to as “the detainee”), has been credibly identified as the leader of an Organised Crime Group (OCG) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG is based in Fyzabad and affiliated with a well-organised criminal network based in Port-of-Spain. The detainee through the OCG has access to high-powered firearms and personnel and is actively engaged in a violent public rivalry with other OCG’s and related persons in the Fyzabad area. The detainee and other related persons have been identified as being the primary assailants in a recent shooting attack on a rival OCG’s relative. The detainee and others in the OCG have threatened to imminently carry out attacks on members and/or relatives of a rival OCG in an attempt to control the illicit drug trade in the Fyzabad area. These planned attacks are to occur in public areas, utilising high-powered rifles and firearms to which the OCG has access thereby 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*