

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 338

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 LEVI JAMES also known as “SNAKEHEAD” of Light Pole No. 53, San Pedro Trace, Valencia, 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 LEVI JAMES also known as “SNAKEHEAD” of Light Pole No. 53, San Pedro Trace, Valencia, 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 LEVI JAMES also known as “SNAKEHEAD” of Light Pole No. 53, San Pedro Trace, Valencia, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 19th 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, LEVI JAMES also known as “SNAKEHEAD”, has been credibly identified as a member of a gang within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, known as the Resistance Gang. He has a criminal record which includes charges for possession of a firearm, possession of ammunition, robbery with aggravation and housebreaking. Investigations reveal that he is an active “shooter” and has assumed a leadership role in the gang. He has been seen with firearms, intimidating residents, and demanding money from persons in the Valencia area. He and other related persons plan to imminently carry out retaliatory killings against a rival gang in response to the murder of an associate. This planned action involves the use of assault rifles in public spaces and presents a clear and imminent threat to public safety. His detention is a necessity to disrupt these plans and safeguard the public from further acts of violence, as he is expected to be a principal participant in the attacks.

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 19th day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security