

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 363

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, 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, 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 JOHNATHAN BUSHELL also known as “BUSHELLE” of 28, A-30, Jerningham Street, Belle Eau Road, Belmont, 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 accordance with the powers vested in me, do hereby order that the said JOHNATHAN BUSHELL also known as “BUSHELLE” of 28, A-30, Jerningham Street, Belle Eau Road, Belmont be detained, and do hereby authorise the Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre, or such other place as I may from time to time

direct, as the place where the said JOHNATHAN BUSHELL also known as “BUSHELLE” of 28, A-30, Jerningham Street, Belle Eau Road, Belmont, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 29th 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, JOHNATHAN BUSHELL also known as “BUSHELLE”, is a member of an Organised Crime Group (“OCG”) known as the “Alien/7” gang, which falls within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. This OCG has access to a cache of weapons. He has pending cases for possession of a firearm and ammunition and has been identified as a high-threat individual who is actively involved in a planned takeover of a rival OCG’s turf utilising imminent random shooting in public areas. He and others plan to continue a campaign of violence, including armed attacks and retaliatory shootings, in the Belmont area. The gang has been linked to recent murders and woundings and has a demonstrated intent to conduct further violent acts in public spaces, posing a clear and present threat to civilian life. The OCG also uses threats and intimidation against community members to suppress cooperation with law enforcement and maintain control. The detention of this individual is therefore necessary to disrupt the gang’s operational planning and to prevent further acts of violence that pose a clear and present threat 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 29th day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security