

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 371

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 DARRION PADILLA also called “STONE” of 15, Bobby Avenue, Penal Rock Road, Moruga, 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 DARRION PADILLA also called “STONE” of 15, Bobby Avenue, Penal Rock Road, Moruga, 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 DARRION PADILLA also called “STONE” of 15, Bobby Avenue, Penal Rock Road, Moruga, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 25th 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, DARRION PADILLA also called “STONE” is a member of an Organized Crime Group (OCG) that falls within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. He has been credibly identified as the shooter and the driver in two recent killings. The OCG is engaged in a turf war with a rival OCG in the same area. The OCG has access to a cache of high-powered firearms and is linked to multiple recent murders. The OCG plans to imminently engage in further retaliatory shootings as part of this turf war using high powered firearms in public spaces which pose a clear and present threat to civilian life. The detainee’s preventive detention is considered necessary to disrupt these plans and prevent future acts of violence.

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 25th day of August, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security