

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 455

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 DWIGHT GILBERT also known as “BATCH” of No. 56 Pipiol Road, Santa Cruz, 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 upon me, hereby order that the said DWIGHT GILBERT also known as “BATCH” of No. 56 Pipiol Road, Santa Cruz, 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 DWIGHT GILBERT also known as “BATCH” of No. 56 Pipiol Road, Santa Cruz, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 30th day of November, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

TAKE NOTICE that the grounds upon which this detention order is made are as follows:

The detainee, DWIGHT GILBERT also known as “BATCH” is credibly identified as a primary shooter and trained marksman for the Santa Cruz faction of the “7” Gang which is an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the legal definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The detainee and the OCG are implicated in murders, shootings and armed confrontations. The detainee is a Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force soldier and he is known to have ready access to high-powered weaponry and ammunition. The detainee and others are spearheading an imminent retaliatory plot on behalf of the gang and his role as the operational arm executing firearm attacks and his demonstrated use of military-grade weapons make him an immediate and serious threat. The planned attack is to occur in public spaces using high-powered firearms and poses a foreseeable risk of mass casualty harm. His detention is necessary to disrupt the plot and 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 30th day of November, 2025.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security