

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 12

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 ANDY RICHARD PERUZA also known as “ANDY” of Laventille Road, San Juan, 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 ANDY RICHARD PERUZA also known as “ANDY” of Laventille Road, San Juan, 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 ANDY RICHARD PERUZA also known as “ANDY” of Laventille Road, San Juan, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 6th day of January, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, ANDY RICHARD PERUZA also known as “ANDY” has been credibly identified as a principal purchaser and redistributor within a large-scale motor vehicle larceny ring for the “7 Gang” which is an organised criminal gang (‘OCG’) within the meaning of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG has access to a cache of firearms and ammunition and is involved in large-scale motor vehicle theft, cocaine trafficking and retailing, and violent home invasions. He coordinates the rapid removal and resale of stolen vehicles using altered identifying marks to evade detection. By providing immediate cash flow to the criminal leadership, he sustains the group’s ability to finance further violent crimes and maintain its structure. His role as a key distributor for stolen property is essential to the group’s operations. He and others intend to imminently intensify their criminal activities to expand their operations and turf which will lead to conflict with other gangs involving high-powered firearms in public spaces. The detention of this individual is therefore necessary to disrupt the group’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 6th day of January, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security