

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 156

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS, 2026

ORDER

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE EMERGENCY POWERS
REGULATIONS, 2026

DETENTION ORDER

WHEREAS it is enacted by regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, 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, 2026, that the Minister may, if satisfied with respect to any person that, with a view to preventing her from acting in any manner prejudicial to public safety and that it is necessary to provide for her preventive detention, make an order that she 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, 2026, 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 ONECAR THOMAS of No. 12 Phillip Street, Point Fortin and also of Mayaro Village, Mayaro, that it is necessary to provide for her preventive detention with a view to preventing her from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety:

Now, therefore, I, the Honourable Roger Alexander, Minister of Homeland Security, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me, do hereby order that the said ONECAR THOMAS of No. 12 Phillip Street, Point Fortin and also of Mayaro Village, Mayaro, be detained at the Women's Prison, Golden Grove, or such other place as I may from time to time direct as the place where the said ONECAR THOMAS of No. 12

Phillip Street, Point Fortin, and also of Mayaro Village, Mayaro, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 31st day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, ONECAR THOMAS has been credibly identified as a member of the Straker OCG, which is an Organised Crime Group ('OCG') within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG has access to a cache of high-powered firearms and ammunition and operates in the Point Fortin area and is involved in trafficking and concealment of large quantities of firearms and ammunition and money laundering. The detainee and others assist known gang members in the concealment and movement of high-powered firearms and ammunition as well as the proceeds of crime. Her detention is necessary to disrupt these acts which facilitate gang activity which is expected to imminently escalate.

A Preventive Detention Order pursuant to regulation 14 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2026, is necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

Made this 31st day of March, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security