

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 228

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 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, 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 DWIGHT TYRESE YORKE also known as “JOSIAH WILLIAMS” also known as “JALANI PETERS” also known as “BALLER” of No. 7 Twelfth Avenue, Bon Air Gardens, Phase 1, Arouca and also of Apartment 22–24, Building E, Duncan Street, Port-of-Spain, 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:

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 DWIGHT TYRESE YORKE also known as “JOSIAH WILLIAMS” also known as “JALANI PETERS” also known as

“BALLER” of No. 7 Twelfth Avenue, Bon Air Gardens, Phase 1, Arouca and also of Apartment 22–24, Building E, Duncan Street, Port-of-Spain, shall be detained at 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 TYRESE YORKE also known as “JOSIAH WILLIAMS” also known as “JALANI PETERS” also known as “BALLER” of No. 7 Twelfth Avenue, Bon Air Gardens, Phase 1, Arouca and also of Apartment 22–24, Building E, Duncan Street, Port-of-Spain, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 15th day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, DWIGHT TYRESE YORKE also known as “JOSIAH WILLIAMS” also known as “JALANI PETERS” also known as “BALLER” has been credibly identified as a member of the Seven Gang which is an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the meaning of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The detainee is an enforcer for the OCG which has confirmed access to a cache of high-powered firearms and ammunition. The detainee and others are engaged in armed robberies and shootings as part of retaliatory gang violence. The detainee and others are planning imminent attacks and retaliatory shootings against gang rivals and escalating robbery attacks within residential, commercial and public areas using high-powered firearms. His detention is necessary to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety and to disrupt planned acts of violence.

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 15th day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security