

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 231

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 JOSHUA DEONARINE also known as “KETCHUP” of Light Pole No. 42, Tewarie Circular South, Arena Road, Freeport, 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 JOSHUA DEONARINE also known as “KETCHUP” of Light Pole No. 42, Tewarie Circular South, Arena Road,

Freeport, 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 JOSHUA DEONARINE also known as “KETCHUP” of Light Pole No. 42, Tewarie Circular South, Arena Road, Freeport, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 16th 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, JOSHUA DEONARINE also known as “KETCHUP” has been credibly identified as a member of an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021, which operates primarily in the Couva, California and Claxton Bay areas. The OCG has confirmed access to firearms and ammunition. The detainee functions as a shooter and enforcer for the OCG which is responsible for carrying out acts of violence and intimidation to further the group’s criminal objectives, including conspiracy to commit murder and extortion. The detainee has shown a rapid re-association with criminal elements and has several pending matters before the Courts for firearm-related offences and robbery with violence. There is a substantial risk that the detainee’s continued liberty will lead to further public shootings and violent confrontations with rival groups, posing an immediate threat to public safety. His detention is necessary to disrupt the violent operations of the organised criminal group and to prevent him from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety.

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 16th day of April, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security