

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 594

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 STEPHEN LOPEZ also known as “YANKEE” of No. 53 Murli Street, La Romain, 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 STEPHEN LOPEZ also known as “YANKEE” of No. 53 Murli Street, La Romain, 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 STEPHEN LOPEZ also known as “YANKEE” of No. 53 Murli Street, La Romain, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 25th day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, STEPHEN LOPEZ also known as “YANKEE” has been credibly identified as an active member of a criminal enterprise involving the supply of firearms and other implements to support armed robbery and larceny at public and commercial premises. The detainee has confirmed access to firearms and ammunition. Confidential intelligence links the detainee and others to a recent armed robbery in a public space where a victim was beaten. Further intelligence indicates that the detainee procured the firearm and ammunition and used them in these attacks. The detainee and others intend to imminently escalate these attacks on members of the public at businesses and commercial premises using firearms in public spaces.

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

Made this 25th day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security