

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 617

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 ANDRE VILLAFANA also known as “CIRCLES” of Knowles Street, Curepe, 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, hereby order that the said ANDRE VILLAFANA also known as “CIRCLES” of Knowles Street, Curepe, 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 ANDRE VILLAFANA also known as “CIRCLES” of Knowles Street, Curepe, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 31st 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, ANDRE VILLAFANA also known as “CIRCLES” has been credibly identified as an active member of an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) known to law enforcement as the “Grim 7 Gang”. The OCG has confirmed access to a cache of firearms and ammunition. The detainee is a car thief and enforcer for the OCG. Confidential intelligence links the detainee to an intended killing of a senior gang member arising out a debt owed by the detainee. Further confidential intelligence links the detainee to increasing acts of vehicle theft and sale of stolen vehicles to rival members, incensing the leadership of his OCG. Further intelligence indicates that the detainee has armed himself with firearms in order to launch his own attacks. The detainee and others intend to imminently escalate their activities and attacks using firearms in public spaces which threaten public safety.

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 31st day of July, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security