

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 702

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 AUGUSTINE MARK DUKE also known as “WINKY” of Snake Lane, Upper La Puerta Avenue, Four Roads, Diego Martin, 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 AUGUSTINE MARK DUKE also known as “WINKY” of Snake Lane, Upper La Puerta Avenue, Four Roads, Diego Martin, shall be detained at the Eastern Correctional Rehabilitation Centre located at Santa Rosa, or such other place as I may from time to time direct as the place where the said

AUGUSTINE MARK DUKE also known as “WINKY” of Snake Lane, Upper La Puerta Avenue, Four Roads, Diego Martin, shall be detained and so kept in lawful custody.

Made this 28th day of August, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security

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

The detainee, AUGUSTINE MARK DUKE also known as “WINKY” has been credibly identified as a member and shooter of an Organised Crime Group (‘OCG’) known as the La Puerta Organised Crime Group within the definition of the Anti-Gang Act, 2021. The OCG has been identified as being involved in shootings, murders, robberies, home invasions, motor vehicle larcenies and other serious criminal activities within Diego Martin and elsewhere in Trinidad and Tobago. Intelligence further identifies the detainee as a close associate of senior members of the OCG and indicates that following the detention of a senior member, the detainee assumed a controlling role within the group and issued instructions to other members. The detainee has been identified by confidential intelligence as having access to and regularly carrying high-powered firearms, including a handgun and a rifle and as concealing such firearms within the Snake Lane area. Intelligence received in August, 2026, further identified the detainee as intending to carry out a retaliatory shooting in the Quarry Street, Diego Martin area arising out of an ongoing gang conflict. The detainee’s access to firearms, his role within the OCG and his involvement in the ongoing conflict present a continuing and imminent threat to public safety.

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

Made this 28th day of August, 2026.

R. ALEXANDER
Minister of Homeland Security