

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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MEDIA ADVISORY

THE PRESENCE OF NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES IN SEIZURES OF TABLETS

The Ministry of National Security wishes to advise the general public that the results of tests conducted by the Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre (TTFSC), reveal that recent seizures of different tablets contain MDMA (better known as ecstasy), as well as other synthetic drugs. These drugs used alone or combined in mixtures with other New Psychoactive Substances (NPSs) make their effects unpredictable from one user to another.

As we prepare for the coming days and weekends with many parties and other events, such as the inaugural Carnival celebration in Tobago, the Ministry wishes to alert the public to the availability of these tablets and the effects of consuming these tablets.

The public is reminded that in 2019 our Schedule of Drugs found in the Dangerous Drugs Act was updated so that possession and use of these drugs are now illegal in Trinidad and Tobago.

Our law enforcement agencies will be keeping a keen lookout for these items and anyone who may be attempting to distribute or use them.

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