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Mrs. Jacqui Sampson-Miguel
Clerk of the House
Office of the Parliament
Parliamentary Complex
Cabildo Building
St. Vincent Street
PORT OF SPAIN

Dear Mrs. Sampson-Miguel,

Re: Section 122 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

I am directed by Her Excellency Paula-Mae Weekes O.R.T.T., President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, to forward herewith for presentation to the House of Representatives, a Notification issued by Her Excellency, the President under section 122 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, in respect of the nomination of Mr. Vincel Edwards, as a member of the Police Service Commission.

A copy of Mr. Edwards's Curriculum Vitae is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Cheryl-Ann Jackman-Waldron
Secretary to Her Excellency
The President

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Her Excellency the President

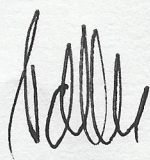
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

NOTIFICATION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that **I, PAULA-MAE WEEKES**, President, after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, in accordance with section 122(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, nominate **MR. VINCEL EDWARDS**, a person who is qualified and experienced in the discipline of Law and also holds qualifications in Criminology and Criminal Justice, to be appointed as a member of the Police Service Commission.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2020.



Paula-Mae Weekes O.R.T.T.

President

CURRICULUM VITAE

VINCEL ANTHONY EDWARDS

November, 2019.

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PERSONAL DETAILS

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PROFESSION: Attorney-at-Law
PREVIOUS OCCUPATION: Assistant Commissioner of Police

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Faculty of Social Sciences University of Wolverhampton United Kingdom <i>Thesis: Judicial Politics in the Privy Council: An Empirical Legal Analysis of Its Impact on the Constitutionality of the Death Penalty in the Commonwealth Caribbean</i>	<u>Student Number: 9130205</u>	<u>Work in progress</u> from 2017 to present for an award of- Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD) in Law.
University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago		2017
Anglia Ruskin University, United Kingdom		2014 - 2015
University of Windsor, Canada		2014
Penn State University, United States of America		2006
George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, United States of America		2005
Trinidad and Tobago Institute of Forensic Services		2004

The Institute of Business, University of the West Indies Trinidad and Tobago	2001 – 2004
University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	1997 – 1998
Hugh Wooding Law School, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago	1995 – 1997
Roland Renne and Associates Limited, Trinidad	1994
University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	1990 - 1993
Police Training Academy, Trinidad and Tobago	1978 – 1979
St. Joseph's Convent, Tobago	1972 – 1977
Scarborough Roman Catholic Primary School, Tobago	1963 – 1972

UNIVERSITY DEGREES

1. **Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice** (*awarded on September 21, 2017*)
University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad (2017)
Thesis: - *'An Analysis of the Constitutionality of the Death Penalty in the Commonwealth Caribbean.'*
2. **Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree Major in Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Innovation**
Anglia Ruskin University, United Kingdom (2014 – 2015)
Thesis: - *'Tourist Oriented Policing: A case study of Tourism security in Tobago.'*
3. **Master of Laws (LLM) Degree**
University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom (1997 – 1998)
 Law of Succession and Practical Conveyancing
Dissertation: - *'The Relevance of the Privy Council as part of the Justice System in the Caribbean.'*
4. **Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Degree with Second Class Honours**
University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom (1990 – 1993)
 - ❖ Criminal Law
 - ❖ Constitutional Law
 - ❖ English Legal System
 - ❖ Law of Contract
 - ❖ Law of Tort
 - ❖ Land Law
 - ❖ Law of Evidence

- ❖ Family Law
- ❖ Equity and Trust
- ❖ Jurisprudence
- ❖ Public International Law
- ❖ Company Law

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATION

✦ Legal Education Certificate (LEC)

Hugh Wooding Law School, St. Augustine, Trinidad (1995 – 1997)

- ❖ Criminal Practice and Procedure
- ❖ Legal Drafting and Interpretation
- ❖ Civil Procedure and Practice I
- ❖ Status, Rights and Obligations of the Legal Profession
- ❖ Landlord and Tenant
- ❖ Law of Evidence
- ❖ Civil Procedure and Practice II
- ❖ Remedies
- ❖ Law of Succession
- ❖ Conveyancing and Registration of Title
- ❖ Office Management and Accounts
- ❖ Legal Aid Clinic
- ❖ Trial Advocacy

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

- ✦ **Certificate of Enrolment as an Attorney – at – Law** *(Supreme Court of Judicature of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago October 17, 1997).*

LEADERSHIP SKILLS CERTIFICATION

- ✦ My experience in leadership has been supplemented with my participation in:
 - ❖ Caribbean Leadership Seminar held in July, 2009 in St. Kitts & Nevis. This seminar was a collaborated effort with the U.S. Southern Command, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) *(July, 2009).*
 - **Leadership Participation Certificate**
 - ❖ Workshop at the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business *(June 2 – 5, 2014).*
 - **Law Enforcement Leadership Certificate**

- ❖ Training conducted by the United States Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Investigations (*July 15 -18, 2014*)
 - **Leadership Development Certificate**

OTHER TRAINING and CERTIFICATION

1. **Certificate of Executive Training – Presenting to Persuade – A Guide to Effective Speaking and Presenting for Executives** (*Institute of Critical Thinking, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad December 3-4, 2015*).
2. **Executive Certificate in Conflict Management** (*University of Windsor, Canada 2014*).
 - ❖ Dealing with Difficult People
 - ❖ Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - ❖ Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - ❖ Applied Alternative Dispute Resolution
3. **Certificate in Handling the Media in a Crisis** (*UWI School of Business and Applied Studies Limited ROYTEC August 9, 2014*).
4. **Certificate in Dynamics of Policy Development and Writing Workshop** (*Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business July 20-11, 2014*).
5. **Certificate in Strategic Decision Making Workshop** (*Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business June 25 – 26, 2014*).
6. **Certificate in Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism** (*Caribbean Financial Action Task Force December 2-3, 2013*).
7. **Certificate in Counterfeit United States Currency and Credit Card Skimming Investigation Seminar** (*Department of Treasury, United States Secret Service June, 2013*).
8. **Certificate in Public Speaking and Presentation Skills Workshop** (*Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business September 13, 2012*).
9. **Counter-Trafficking Sensitization Training Certificate** (*The International Organization for Migration November, 2010*).
10. **Train the Trainer in Customer Service Certificate** (*Penn State University, USA 2006*).
11. **Certificate in Strategic Crime Control** (*George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, United States of America January to June, 2005*).

12. **Forensic Approach to Criminal Investigations Certificate** (*Trinidad and Tobago Institute of Forensic Services 2004*).
13. **Raid Planning Certificate** (*Police Training Academy, March 18 -20, 2002*).
14. **Training the Trainers Certificate** (*Institute of Business April, 2001*).
15. **Public Relations and Communications Level 1 Certificate** (*Roland Renne & Associates Limited 1994*).
16. **Certificate in Law** (*University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom 1992*).
17. **Diploma in Law** (*University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom 1992*).
18. **General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary Level** (*St. Joseph's Convent, Tobago 1972 - 1977*)
 - ❖ History
 - ❖ Economics
 - ❖ Biology
 - ❖ Commerce
 - ❖ Religious Studies
 - ❖ English Language
19. **Graduation Diploma in Policing** (*Trinidad and Tobago Police Service 1979*)
 - ❖ Police Duties – Theory and Practical
 - ❖ Criminal Law, Procedure and Evidence
 - ❖ Weapon Training and Musketry
20. **Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) Certificate**
 - ❖ Social Studies
 - ❖ Principles of Business
21. **General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level**
 - ❖ Law
 - ❖ Government and Politics

CAREER OVERVIEW

- ❖ Forty (40) years' service in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) rising from rank of Constable to the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police (*August 1, 1978 – August 25, 2018*).
- ❖ Director of Homicide Bureau of Investigations - Assistant Commissioner of Police (*Acting, 2015 to 2016*).

- **Key achievements:**

- Established the Cold Case Unit at the Homicide Bureau of Investigations (*2015*).
 - Lead Investigator in the Richard Wheeler and Grace Wheeler double murders in Tobago which was solved within two (2) days (*2015*).
 - Lead Investigator in the Prison Gate Investigation (*2015 - 2016*).
 - Made representation for the acquisition of the **Home Office Large Management Enquiry System (HOLMES II)**. That system was acquired in the Police Service in 2016. Such a system if operated efficiently can assist in murder investigations. Primarily it can illustrate correlations between murders and it can illustrate tasking during the investigation (*2016*).
 - Ensured the training of ten (10) officers from the Homicide Bureau of Investigations to operate the **Home Office Large Management Enquiry System (HOLMES II)** (*2016*).
- ❖ Assistant Commissioner of Police (Acting) Port of Spain and Western Divisions (*2015-2016 & 2018*).

- **Key achievements:**

- Sat on the committee for the establishment of the Police policy on efficient use of the Police blue lights and sirens (*2015*).
- Initiated the team-building activity in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) known as "*Policemen Can Cook*." This is now a yearly event in the Police Service (*2015*).
- Investigated the **Total Policing day shutdown on March 23, 2015**. I prepared a detailed report within the 14-day time frame. In that report I identified '*malicious obedience*' by Police officers as the principle factor of the traffic gridlock on that day. The said report

was tabled in Parliament and reviewed by the Joint Select Committee (JSC) of Parliament on National Security (2015).

- ❖ Headed the Fraud Squad and Cyber-Crime Unit – Superintendent of Police (2011 to 2014) and Senior Superintendent of Police (2014 to 2015).

- **Key achievements:**

- Established the Cold Case Unit at the Fraud Squad (2012).
 - Established a Filing Registry at the Fraud Squad (2012).
 - Directed the investigation of the Vicky Boodram multiple fraud matters resulted in multiple prosecution of fraud charges (2012).
 - Caused a woman police dormitory to be part of the structure of the Fraud Squad since there were none in place before (2013).
 - Placed a children's waiting room fitted with a television set to accommodate the Fraud Squad officers' children while their parents continued working (2013).
 - Caused the arrest and extradition of Raymond Francis from Canada in relation to a report made by the office of the Prime Minister where he received the sum of \$5.5 million by virtue of a forged instrument (2013).
 - Arrested WPC Elizabeth Hope at the Piarco International Airport for the larceny of money from the Police Service (2014).
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- ❖ Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tobago Division (2009 - 2011).
 - ❖ Head the Police Legal Unit, Tobago Division and Inspector in charge of Court Prosecution, Tobago Division (2007 – 2009).
 - ❖ Detective, Criminal Investigation Department for thirteen years, Tobago Division (1993 – 2006).
 - ❖ Motor Cyclist traffic patrol officer and Road Traffic Accident Investigator for thirteen years, Tobago Division (1980 – 1993).

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

❖ **Philanthropic Activities**

Where time and resources permitted, contributions were made in the development of youths and other young adults in tertiary and other post-secondary areas of learning.

❖ **Marking Law Examination Scripts**

Marking scripts in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service for Police Officers Promotion Examination in Law during the period:-

- 2004, 2005, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

✦ **Courses Taught at the:**

❖ Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Tobago Police Division from 1994 to 2010 preparing Police Officers for Promotion Examination

1. *Law*
2. *Police Duties*

❖ Commercial Protective Security (CPS) Rockly Vale, Scarborough, Tobago from 2008 to 2009 preparing Security Officers for Precept Examination

1. *Law*
2. *Security Operation*

❖ Tobago Hotel School Campus

1. *Hospitality Law*

❖ University of the Southern Caribbean (Extension & Affiliation Programs with Andrews University, Tobago Extension Campus.

1. *SOCI – Business Law*
2. *SOCI 315 – Criminology*
3. *SOWK 210 – Law for Social Work*

❖ College of Science Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT), Tobago Campus

1. *Business Law*
2. *Law and Ethics*

❖ Cipriani College of Labour and Cooperative Studies, Tobago Campus

1. *CJT 160 – Fundamentals of Criminal Investigations*
2. *CJT 200 – Criminal and Civil Procedure and Evidence*
3. *CJT 220 – Criminology*
4. *Law 100 – Introduction to Civil and Criminal Law*
5. *Law 120 – Civil and Criminal Law*
6. *OSH 231 – Occupation Health and Safety Legislative Framework*

7. *SAM 250 – Physical Security Planning*
8. *SAM 100 – Introduction to Security*
9. *SAM 120 – History of Security Industry in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean*
10. *SAM 210 – Security Administration*
11. *SAM 240 – Security Operational Management*
12. *SAM 222 – Crisis and Risk Management*

❖ University of the West Indies, Signal Hill Tobago Campus

1. *Personal Management*
2. *Business Law*
3. *CAPE Law*
4. *Penology*
5. *Aspects of Forensic Science*

REFERENCES

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