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INDECOM probing fatal shooting in St. James

April 22, 2016 - The Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) has launched an investigation into the fatal shooting of a civilian in Montego Bay, St. James at approximately 2:30 a.m.

The deceased has been identified as Oneillio Bailey.

The report received by INDECOM from the police is that a radio message regarding a robbery involving a Blue Toyota motor car was received. The report caused the assignment of a team of police officers from the Mount Salem Police Station to set up a cordon on Humber Avenue. It was reported that a vehicle fitting the description of the motor car approached the site of the cordon and attempted to hit one of the police officers; it is also alleged that shots were fired from said car. The police reportedly gave chase which resulted in the vehicle colliding into a wall on Cottage Road.

It is further alleged that four (4) men alighted from the vehicle, fired at the police and ran in different directions. An off-duty police officer observed one of the men running and engaged him, the man was shot and injured. He (Bailey) was later taken to the Cornwall Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead. A firearm was allegedly recovered in this incident.

It was further reported that another man who was seen in the Coral Gardens area bleeding was picked up by police, taken to the hospital for treatment and is now being questioned at the Freeport Police Station.

A team of investigators and forensic examiners attended and processed the scenes. The body of the deceased was also processed. The concerned officers were served with Notices to furnish INDECOM with their accounts of the incident and their weapons have also been taken out of circulation and packaged for submission to the Government Forensic Laboratory for analysis.

The Commission is asking anyone who may have witnessed or can provide any information about the incident to call its Western Regional Office in Montego Bay at **1.876.971.1672**, or call our mobile number at **1.876.878.0167**. Persons are also encouraged to call our new Toll Free Lines: **1.888.991.5555** or **1.888.935.5550**.