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INDECOM probes shooting death of barber in Cherry Gardens

February 10, 2012 - The Independent Commission of Investigations is probing a shooting that has left another civilian dead. The incident occurred on Thursday, February 9 on 14 Benson Avenue, Cherry Gardens at approximately 6:55 a.m.

Dead is Renord Harrison, a 27 year old barber.

The police reported that at about 4:30 a.m. a team of police personnel from the Flying Squad Division went to an apartment located on 14 Benson Avenue, Kingston 8. The door was forced opened and the officers were greeted with gunfire. The police took evasive action fired at Harrison, who ran passed them with a gun in hand and escaped through a window. He was then accosted by two officers who ordered him to drop the gun. He pointed the weapon in their direction and fearing for their lives they opened fire and Harrison fell to the ground, injured. The weapon was retrieved and the injured man was rushed to the Kingston Public Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The firearm recovered was a Caspian Glock 22 with a magazine containing fifteen (15) rounds of 9 mm cartridges.

The common law wife of the deceased, who was with him at the time of the incident, said at about 5:00 a.m. she was in bed with Harrison when they heard knocking on the door. The door was forced open and she saw police officers standing at the entrance to her apartment. She entered the living room with her hands above her head when she heard an explosion. She said Harrison ran passed her and subsequently heard several more explosions. She also alleged that one of the police personnel had their hand over her mouth in an effort to prevent her from screaming.

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The house was later searched and after the searching exercise she was taken to Flying Squad Headquarters and then to the Constant Spring Police Station. While at the Constant Spring police station she was told that Harrison died.

The hands of the deceased as well as the concerned officers were swabbed; the relevant fire arms secured for forensic analysis and the body of the victim processed. The scene was processed by the Technical Services Division (TSD) and further by the INDECOM forensics team who found two expended bullets, a spent 9mm and M16 bullet casing.

INDECOM investigators are urging to anyone with information that can help with this investigation to call its office at 1-876-968-8875.

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