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## **INDECOM PROBING SHOOTING INJURY OF 15-Y-O ALPHA STUDENT**

**June 30, 2016** - The Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) has launched an investigation into the shooting injury of a 15 year old female student of the Covent of Mercy Academy (Alpha). The incident occurred at the intersection of North Street and Mark Lane at approximately 7:15 a.m.

The student underwent emergency surgery at the Kingston Public Hospital and is now recovering in the Intensive Care Unit.

The report received by INDECOM is that a man operating a "robot" taxi transporting students of Covent of Mercy Academy (Alpha) was allegedly stopped by police. It is also being alleged that after the taxi had stopped, the police opened fire at the vehicle hitting the student.

A team of investigators and forensic examiners responded to the incident following the report. The incident scene was processed; the motor car in question was also processed; investigators collected statements from witnesses to the incident.

The Commission is asking anyone who may have witnessed or can provide any information about the incident to call or visit its office in Kingston at **1.876.968.1932**, 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**.

**NB:** In the Commission's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report for 2015, the issue of shooting at vehicles was discussed extensively. We invite members of the media and the public to peruse the document with a view to understanding the policies and legal issues related to incidents of this nature. Visit our website: [www.indec.com.jm](http://www.indec.com.jm) (Click on **Reports** then "**The 4<sup>th</sup> INDECOM Quarterly Report**")