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INDECOM probing fatal shooting in Whithorn, Westmoreland

March 8, 2016 - The Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) has launched an investigation into the fatal shooting of a civilian in Whithorn, Westmoreland. The incident occurred at approximately 5 p.m. on March 7, 2016.

The deceased man has been identified as Kevin Black of Waterworks in Deans Valley, Westmoreland.

The report received by INDECOM from the police is that four (4) police officers attached to the Savanna-la-Mar Police Station and Motorized Patrol were on patrol in an unmarked service vehicle. The police officer, it was reported, were acting on information which took them on a special patrol in the Whithorn area in search of an escapee and other men who were armed.

The confrontation allegedly occurred in the vicinity of a wooden shop from which three men alighted and fired at them. They reportedly returned the fire hitting one man. The other two men allegedly escaped. The injured man was taken to the Savanna-la-Mar Public Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

A team from INDECOM comprised of investigators and forensic examiners responded at approximately 7:15 p.m. Since then, the team has processed the scene, the body of the deceased and continue to make enquiries. The concerned officers were interviewed and served with Notices to visit the INDECOM office in Montego Bay for their account of the incident to be recorded. INDECOM representatives will be revisiting the scene of the incident with a view to collecting more information.

The Commission is asking to anyone who may have witnessed the incident to call its Western Regional Office in Kingston at **1.876.971.1622**, 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**.

