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INDECOM: Investigations into the death of Fredrick “Mickey” Hill underway

November 10, 2010 - Critical information has already been obtained some two days after the Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM) initiated a formal investigation into the shooting death of Fredrick “Mickey” Hill. It is alleged that he was fatally shot by police on the Norman Manley Boulevard in Negril, Westmoreland on Thursday, November 4, 2010.

The formal investigation began on Monday, November 8, 2010.

INDECOM investigators have already collected critical information from the scene as well as witnesses that will advance the process. This information includes five statements, three of which are from independent witnesses and the remaining two (statements), from members of the family.

The dairy entry with the names of the officers involved was also procured and it has been confirmed that the operation was carried out by officers from the Mobile Reserves based in Kingston. INDECOM is now in a position to send Notification Letters to these officers. (The notification letter serves as a formal request for statements from them about the incident).

The investigators are awaiting the results of the post mortem to further advance their investigation.

Commissioner of INDECOM, Terrence Williams said the family of Mr Hill can rest assure the matter is being investigated and all the necessary steps are being taken to ensure

that the integrity of the process is preserved and completed in the shortest time possible.

“We will also be seeking the cooperation of the relevant authorities to ensure that Mr Hill’s family members are protected during the course of the investigation,” Mr. Williams said.

About INDECOM

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