

PRESS RELEASE

INDECOM making strides

SEPTEMBER 24, 2010 - The Independent Commission of Investigations, INDECOM, has been making great strides with seven shooting incidents that are currently being investigated.

The Commission is currently awaiting scientific reports on several aspects of each incident which will advance their investigation. These include the swabbing of the hands of the deceased, which may support or refute the claim that the deceased fired weapons; possible ballistic identification of projectiles (bullets) recovered from the body of the deceased and medical certificates.

The fatal shootings being investigated at this time include that of Derrick Bolton & Rohan Dixon of Tredegar Park on August 13, 2010; Robert Hill of Ivy Green Mews on December 8, 2009; Sheldon Williams of Ocho Rios on August 29, 2010; Leroy Berry who was shot on Dumbarton Avenue on August 22, 2010; Keith Clarke of East Kirkland Heights on May 27, 2010; Bobby Robinson who was shot at Savannah Cross, Clarendon on September 18, 2010 and Lenworth Robinson who was shot and injured in Lawrence Tavern on August 18, 2010.

Head of the INDECOM, Mr. Terrence Williams informed that these investigations are continuing and are being carried out with a view to have the cases resolved in the shortest possible time.

So far, Mr Williams said he, is pleased with the progress the investigators have made, however he urges the relevant authorities to provide INDECOM with more resources for the forensic laboratory to facilitate a quicker turn around.

About INDECOM

INDECOM, which began operations on August 16, 2010, was established to investigate actions by members of the Security Forces and other agents of the State that result in death or injury or the abuse of rights. The body currently has 12 investigators. The recruitment and training exercise for the staff of INDECOM is ongoing.

Members of the public who wish to lodge complaints of abuses against members of the Security Forces or other agents of the State may visit the Commission at: Ground and First Floors 45-47 Barbados Avenue in Kingston or Ground Floor 42 Market Street, Montego Bay, St James.

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