



**PRESS STATEMENT
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Statement: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang on the death of Police Officer shot at home

I express profound sadness following the tragic death of Sergeant Patrick Mahoney of the St. Catherine North Police Division, who was shot and injured at his home on Thursday, November 7, 2024.

Unfortunately, Sergeant Mahoney succumbed to his injuries this morning Monday, November 11, 2024. This incident is a stark reminder of the dangers our brave officers face each day as they work to protect and serve our communities.

I wish to extend deepest condolences to the family, friends, and Area 5 police colleagues of the fallen officer. No words can adequately comfort those affected by this loss, but we hope they find solace in knowing that Sergeant Mahoney's service to the country will not be forgotten.

Sergeant Mahoney's untimely death will not be in vain, as we are more determined than ever to rid our communities of those who seek to destabilise our nation and instil fear.

The safety and well-being of all police officers is a top priority of the Ministry of National Security and the government. As Minister, I am resolute in my commitment to providing the



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necessary resources and support to ensure that our officers can carry out their duties with the assurance of protection and respect.

I wish to assert that the killing of those who uphold the law and safeguard our society will not be condoned or tolerated. We stand with the Jamaica Constabulary Force and all law enforcement agencies as they continue their critical mission in the face of such adversity.

I urge the public to work in unity with the police, fostering a cooperative and respectful environment that upholds the safety and security of all citizens. I call on every citizen to cooperate fully with the police as they carry out their investigations. Anyone with information related to the incident is encouraged to come forward and play your part in ensuring that those responsible are caught.

Let us honour the memory of our fallen officer by redoubling our commitment to peace and justice within our nation. We will not be deterred in our efforts to create a safer, more secure Jamaica for all.

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