



**PRESS STATEMENT
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**Statement: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security the Hon. Dr.
Horace Chang on the murder of nine-year old child in St. Catherine**

The brutal rape and murder of a precious nine-year-old child is an outrage, particularly in a time when the police have been effectively reducing the number of murders by double digits.

Let me very clear, that this horrific act of unspeakable violence, where the life of an innocent child full of promise and potential, has been cruelly extinguished, will not go unpunished.

The full force of the law will be brought on the perpetrators of this evil, heinous, and cowardly act. I have directed the Commissioner of Police to utilise every available resource to bring those responsible to justice. The response must be swift.

This tragedy demands more than just the capture of criminals. It compels all good citizens to confront the deep-seated issues within our society that allow such barbarity to occur.

I, therefore, urge those responsible to turn themselves in. To the citizens, I say to you: Do not harbour them. The police will leave no stone unturned to capture these criminals. To the family of this child, I offer my deepest condolences and unwavering support during this unimaginable time. The entire nation mourns with you.

The brutality of crime in all forms is a scourge in our society, and we are committed to rooting it out. We owe it to this innocent soul and to all our children to create a Jamaica where such atrocities are never repeated.

The Ministry of National Security will offer an award of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for any information given by citizens which will aid the Police in the early capture of the perpetrators. We are resolute.

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