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Passport, Immigration & Citizenship Agency (PICA) Responds to Media Reports on Trevor Anthony Grant

The Passport, Immigration & Citizenship Agency (PICA) acknowledges the report in the Sunday Gleaner dated March 2, 2025, regarding the deportation of an individual in the name Devon Nicely, who claims that he is not a Jamaican but a US citizen named Mr. Trevor Anthony Grant. He arrived from the United States on a chartered flight to Jamaica on Thursday, February 27, 2025. In light of the concerns raised in the public domain, PICA wishes to provide the following clarification:

- There are established protocols between Jamaica and the United States that guide the deportation of Jamaican nationals. These protocols include the presentation of documentary evidence by the United States authorities to Jamaican authorities of the nationality and identity of individuals to be deported. PICA collaborates with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and other key stakeholders to verify the nationality and identity of the individuals.
- In the instant case, the US authorities provided PICA with documentary evidence, including biometric information. PICA conducted investigations to verify the authenticity of the Jamaican birth certificate and other information related to Devon Nicely. This biometric information including fingerprints, linked the individual who arrived on the flight as Jamaican National, Devon Nicely.
- On arrival in Jamaica on February 27, 2025, the individual asserted that he was not Devon Nicely. He was invited to visit PICA with supporting documentation to substantiate this assertion. On February 28, 2025, he communicated with PICA's Investigation and Surveillance Unit and indicated that he would visit the office on Monday, March 3, 2025, with the necessary documents.

PICA remains committed to upholding the integrity of Jamaica's immigration and citizenship processes. We will continue to support Individuals seeking to clarify their nationality.

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