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**Statement by Hon. Robert Montague,
Minister of National Security on Passing of ACP Budhoo**

On behalf of the Government, and the Ministry of National Security, I offer my deepest condolences to the immediate family, colleagues, and friends of Assistant Commissioner of Police Winchroy Budhoo, who died suddenly today at the May Pen Hospital after falling ill. My thoughts and prayers are with them during this very difficult time.

ACP Budhoo, was assigned to the Operations Portfolio of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, and carried out his role to preserve the peace, protect life and property, and enforce the law. He will be deeply missed.

The Ministry of National Security wants to once again underscore the important role that our police play in our country. As Jamaicans, we must not forget that the freedom and the sense of security we enjoy are sometimes achieved through our law enforcement officers making enormous sacrifices – often without much regard for self.

We wish to assure ACP Budhoo's immediate family of our support as they go through this difficult period of grief and mourning.

The Ministry wishes them hope in the midst of sorrow and comfort in the midst of pain. We also ask that you take heart in knowing that he lived well in service to this nation.

On behalf of the entire law enforcement community the Ministry thanks him for his service security to the nation. We will work closely with the family in the days ahead to honour his memory and maintain his legacy.

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