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National Security Minister condemns killing of policeman

National Security Minister Hon Robert Montague has expressed deep regret at the killing of Corporal Melvin Smith of the Manchester Community Safety and Security Branch.

Corporal Smith who has been an exemplary member of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, was shot and killed while apprehending criminals who had earlier carried out a robbery.

Minister Montague has expressed deepest condolences to the family and friends of Corporal Smith.

“This is very sad day for the Jamaica Constabulary Force and for the entire Jamaica. The JCF has lost a very valuable member; as a member of the CSSB Corporal Smith played an integral role in the Police Youth Clubs in the parish”, said Minister Montague.

The National Security Minister is appealing to residents to provide information which will result in the capture of the criminals who killed Constable Smith.

“There are several options to report these acts of criminality. The Stay Alert app available from the Google and Apple stores allows you to anonymously provide information via video, text, photo or text message; you may also write the information, put it in an envelope, mark an X on it and drop it at any post office. You don't need to write an address on it, or put a stamp on it, just drop it in the mailbox. Persons may also call 811, or Crime Stop at 311” added the Minister.

He said it is only through partnership and cooperation of all well-thinking, law abiding citizens that criminals will be brought to justice.

“For us to succeed in this fight we must unite and continue to put pressure on these criminals” he added.

Minister Montague is encouraging members of the JCF to remain courageous and resolute, the National Security Minister.

“As members of the security forces, you constantly face danger, yet you remain undaunted” he noted.
