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**PRESS STATEMENT  
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**JCF Statement regarding arson attack on Gordon House**

The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) has launched a high-level investigation into an attempted arson incident that occurred at Gordon House, the seat of the nation's Parliament.

Reports are that about 10:00pm on Saturday, June 1, 2024, JCF members attached to the Protective Services Division (PSD) were on regular duty at the Parliament building when they detected the smell of smoke. Upon conducting an external check of the building, they discovered smoke at the entrance and detected an odour similar to kerosene. They observed a partially burnt plastic bottle on the floor and burn marks on the front doors.

CCTV footage reviewed shortly thereafter revealed that a lone individual threw a plastic bottle containing an accelerant at the building, igniting it before fleeing north along Duke Street on foot. The fire extinguished naturally, resulting in minimal damage estimated at approximately \$80,000.

This attack on Gordon House, the Parliament of Jamaica, represents a significant and concerning event. The JCF is committed to thoroughly investigating this incident to identify and apprehend the perpetrator. A senior detective from the Headquarters of the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) is leading the ongoing investigation.

Police Commissioner, Dr Kevin Blake, has since ordered a security review and assessment of the security arrangements of a number of scheduled premises.

We urge anyone with information related to this incident to come forward and assist the police in ensuring the safety and security of our national institutions. Persons may call Police Emergency at 119, Crime Stop at 311, the NIB Tip Line at 811 or the nearest police station.

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