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NEWS RELEASE

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Linstead Constable on Corruption Charges

Thirty-year-old Constable Ricardo Johnson of the St. Catherine North Police Division was offered bail in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) with sureties when he appeared in the St. Catherine Parish Court on Tuesday October 9, 2018.

Reports are that in July, Johnson and another policeman conducted a search of the complainant's premises. During the search, it is alleged that marijuana was found; it is further alleged that the policemen solicited Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in order to avoid prosecution. The complainant explained that he was not in possession of that amount of money and gave them Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$8,700.00) with the understanding that the rest would be paid at a later date.

Subsequently, a report was made to MOCA by the complainant and an operation conducted. The operation resulted in the apprehension of another constable who was not accomplice in the matter. Upon an interview with this constable it was revealed that he was asked to collect Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) by Constable Johnson.

Following further investigation this constable was release and a file prepared and submitted to the Director of Public Prosecution who returned a ruling that Constable Ricardo Johnson should be charged. Thus, on Monday October 8, 2018 he was charged for breaching the Corruption Prevention Act.

He will return to court on Tuesday December 11, 2018.

MOCA wishes to remind members of the public who may have any information that could assist in any other investigation to call MOCA at 754-3435 or 906-5099 or 851-0113 or 1-800-CORRUPT or by email at moca@jcf.gov.jm. More information is on the MOCA.gov.jm website or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MOCAJamaica and follow MOCA on Twitter @MOCAJamaica.

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