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NEWS RELEASE

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Lottery Scammers Sentenced for Breaches of Law Reform Act (2013)

On Tuesday February 2, 2021 Omar Holmes of Lilliput District, St. James was sentenced to pay a fine of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) or three (3) years imprisonment at hard labour and four (4) years suspended for three years with supervision. Also, Errol Wright of the same address was sentenced to pay a fine of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) or two (2) years imprisonment at hard labour and four (4) years suspended for three years with supervision.

These sentencing were handed down following guilty pleas by both Holmes and Wright to the offence of Possession of Identity Information in the St. James Circuit Court.

On July 19, 2013, the then Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Taskforce (MOCA) conducted an operation at a house occupied by both men and during a search several paraphernalia and other devices used in lottery scamming activities were seized.

Both men were subsequently arrested and charged for breaches of the Law Reform (Fraudulent Transactions) (Special Provision) Act 2013 and taken before the St. James Parish Court. On Thursday, January 14, 2021, Holmes and Wright pled guilty to breaching the Law Reform Act and were later sentenced.

MOCA wishes to remind members of the public who may have any information that could assist in any investigation to call MOCA at 876-906-5848 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.