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## CoP: 4 Officers Suspended, 11 Transferred in DSS Probe

Commissioner of Police, Gary Griffith, has directed that four police officers be suspended and another 11 be transferred, as investigations continue into the return of \$22 million in cash, following the DSS Raid, at Kathleen Warner Drive, La Horquetta, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

A police-led operation at a house in La Horquetta resulted in the seizure of \$22 million in cash. The money was taken from the house to the La Horquetta Police Station to be counted. During the early hours of the following day (September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020), the money was handed back to a man who has been described as the founder of the DSS – commonly referred to as "Drugs Sou Sou".

The CoP said based on preliminary investigations, it had become necessary to suspend the four policemen, two of them being senior officers. He directed that four others be transferred out of the Northern Division and the other seven, all Special Reserve Police Officers, be transferred to Northern Division Area West.

Commissioner Griffith said the Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) was mandated to carry out the investigations into the return of the money. As a result, acting on the advice of the investigators, the CoP has directed that certain persons be removed from the investigations to allow the entire probe to be conducted in the most transparent manner.

The investigations are being spearheaded by a team under the supervision of Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police (Intelligence and Investigations), Mc Donald Jacob.

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