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**For Immediate Release: Minister Bunting condemns murder of
Sergeant Courtney Simpson**

The Minister of National Security, The Honourable Peter Bunting, is expressing outrage and condemnation at the brutal murder of Sergeant Courtney Simpson of the Protective Services Division of the JCF.

Sergeant Simpson died while undergoing surgery at the Kingston Public Hospital as a result of gunshot wounds received from what appears to be a planned attack at his home in Harbour View, St Andrew this evening. His wife and three-year-old son, who were at the home, were not harmed.

“It is tragic when the life of any citizen is snuffed out at the hands of criminals, but for a policeman who has served his country selflessly for over 20 years, to be brutally murdered at his home

and in the presence of his family is especially heartrending” said Minister Bunting.

The Minister also noted that Sergeant Simpson has served parliamentarians and government officials, including former Minister of Health, John Junor, Minister Omar Davies and most recently State Minister, Julian Robinson.

Minister Bunting continued, “In his over 20 years of service to the Force, Sergeant Simpson demonstrated commitment and a high level of professionalism. His service and duty to country must be rewarded with our vow never to allow criminals to find safe haven amongst us.”

On behalf of the Cabinet and the Ministry of National Security, the Minister is expressing deepest condolences to the widow and family of Sgt. Simpson and to his colleagues at the Protective Services Division and the JCF, and is urging all law-abiding citizens with information that can lead to the apprehension of these criminals to call 119 or contact your local police station.
