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RPD ARRESTS SEVERAL ON FRAUDULENT DOCUMENT CHARGES

The Commissioner of the Revenue Protection Division (RPD), Major (Ret'd) Johanna Lewin JP, is again issuing a note of caution to members of the public to exercise due care as the RPD has detected an increase in the use of fraudulent documents for the sale, transfer and registration of motor vehicles.

Since 2013, the Division has successfully prosecuted thirty-seven (37) persons on document fraud matters with the defendants being charged with possession of forged documents, uttering forged documents and the possession of Revenue Paper before such paper has been duly stamped, signed and issued for public use.

In the latest arrest, a widow of a St. Catherine address was arrested and charged on 7th December, with Conspiracy to Defraud and Uttering Fraud Documents after investigations revealed that the motor vehicle title bearing her late husband's name, and which was given to an unsuspecting third party to effect the transfer of the said motor vehicle, was signed and stamped some three months after her husband's passing.

She is scheduled to attend Court today, December 13, 2016.

In August of this year Linroy Harris was arrested and charged after proffering a motor vehicle title which was allegedly stolen. That matter is scheduled to be heard on February 22, 2017.

In September, two persons (Llewellyn Samuels and Delroy Matherson) pleaded guilty to the offences of uttering forged documents and conspiracy to defraud. They were sentenced by Her Honour Judith Pusey to custodial sentences of eighteen months for Samuels on each charge to run concurrently, and two years on each charge for Matherson to run concurrently.

Also in September, another accused Barrington Small pleaded guilty to charges of uttering a forged Jamaican driver's licence and paid a fine of \$30,000. Two persons from Clarendon – Maureen Rivers a dressmaker, and Linford Rose a farmer were arrested and charged after presenting forged driver's licences. On October 12, both pleaded guilty in the Chapelton RM Court to uttering forged documents and Miss Rivers was fined \$100,000 or thirty days in jail.

The fine was paid.



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Mr. Rose's sentence was postponed to December, 2016 pending a social enquiry report.

It is against this background that the RPD is again warning members of the public against presenting fraudulent documents, or fraudulently obtained documents to the Tax Administration Jamaica's (TAJ) Tax Offices, as this is a criminal offence.

The Division goes further to advise members of the public to utilize only the legitimate services provided by Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ) through its 29 Tax Offices islandwide, or its on-line service.

Persons, who have information that may assist the RPD in this or any other matter, are being encouraged to contact RPD at 1-888-CALLRPD (225-5773); email at rpinfo@mof.gov.jm; twitter @rpditalk.

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