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NEWS RELEASE:

Gun Smugglers Stop: Jamaica Customs Issues Stern Warning – “We Will Find Them!”

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The Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA) has issued a stern warning to gun smugglers after intercepting over 100 illegal firearms and 8,000 rounds of ammunition in two major seizures at the nation's ports during December 2024 and February of this year. These successful interdictions underscore the agency's relentless pursuit of national security and its ongoing efforts to disrupt the illegal arms trade.

These seizures come after Jamaica Customs assumed full responsibility for non-intrusive cargo inspections in July 2024. With enhanced oversight, advanced cargo inspection technology, and intelligence-driven strategies, the agency has significantly strengthened its ability to detect and prevent illicit shipments.

These latest interceptions highlight the effectiveness of the JCA's modern inspection systems and the diligence of its team. With cutting-edge cargo inspection technology and collaboration with local and international law enforcement, our message is clear— ‘send food and not weapons, if you attempt to smuggle weapons through our ports, we will find them.’

Jamaica Customs, working in collaboration with local and international law enforcement agencies, has fortified its intelligence and risk management framework to identify and intercept high-risk shipments. The agency remains committed to leveraging advanced technology and intelligence-sharing initiatives to combat the illegal arms trade and ensure greater border security.

Every illegal firearm seized means fewer weapons on our streets and every illegal bullet seized is a potential life saved, reducing the threat of crime and violence. The agency remains steadfast in its mission to protect Jamaica, and will continue to bolster its security measures to prevent these dangerous shipments from reaching our communities.

Jamaica Customs is urging the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities related to firearm smuggling and illegal imports. The agency provides confidential communication channels where individuals can share information anonymously by contacting Crime Stop at 311.

As we work to secure our borders, public support is critical. We encourage citizens to report any suspicious activity related to the smuggling of firearms or other contraband. By working together, we can strengthen Jamaica's national security and create a safer environment for all.

As one of its mandates, Jamaica Customs is responsible for protecting Jamaica's borders from illicit activities, including the smuggling of firearms, drugs, and other contraband.

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