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PRESS RELEASE

RSVGPF OFFICER PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL CYBERCRIME AND AI FRAUD WORKSHOP

September 23, 2026 – Kingstown: A familiar voice on the telephone may no longer belong to the person you think is speaking. A face seen in a video may never have existed. An identity can be created, a message copied and a financial transaction initiated within minutes.

These are among the realities confronting modern law enforcement as artificial intelligence changes not only how people work and communicate, but also how criminals attempt to deceive their victims.

Against that backdrop, Sergeant Syon Shoy of the Information Technology Department of the Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force recently participated in the **2026 Workshop on Preventing Cybercrime – Artificial Intelligence Literacy (II)**, held in Taiwan (ROC) from September 9 to 18, 2026.

The workshop brought together law-enforcement and other professionals from countries across the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the Pacific to examine how technology is reshaping cybercrime and the investigations required to combat it.

Among the areas receiving particular attention was the growing use of artificial intelligence to commit fraud. Participants examined deepfake technology, voice cloning, AI-generated identities and other methods capable of making fraudulent communications appear increasingly convincing.

The programme also explored cryptocurrency-related crime, tracing financial transactions, preserving digital evidence, responding quickly to financial fraud and conducting investigations that extend across national borders.

For investigators, speed can be critical.

Digital evidence can disappear. Funds can be transferred through several accounts or platforms. Information required for an investigation may be held by a financial institution, technology company or service provider outside the country where the offence occurred.

The workshop therefore placed emphasis on the early preservation of digital evidence, timely tracing of financial transactions, rapid communication with relevant platforms and cooperation among law-enforcement agencies, financial institutions, technology companies and international partners.

These lessons have direct relevance to policing in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as more everyday activities, including banking, shopping, communication and business, move online.

Sergeant Shoy is expected to share the knowledge and practical lessons gained during the workshop with members of the RSVGPF, particularly personnel involved in information technology, cybercrime investigations and the handling of digital evidence.

His participation forms part of the Force's continuing effort to strengthen the knowledge and technical capacity required to investigate offences in an environment where the methods available to criminals are constantly changing.

As technology evolves, policing must evolve with it.

The RSVGPF will continue to build its investigative and technological capabilities to better respond to cybercrime, protect members of the public and strengthen the Force's ability to investigate offences committed through increasingly sophisticated digital means.

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