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**PRESS RELEASE**

***Police Officer Completes Law Studies to Practice in the Eastern Caribbean: A Journey of  
Dedication and the Power of Education***

**August 26, 2024 - Kingstown:** In a testament to perseverance and the transformative power of education, Devon Bute, Corporal of Police, has successfully completed his studies in law, paving the way for him to practice within the Eastern Caribbean States. Officer Bute, a respected member of the police force, has long been committed to upholding the law. His unwavering commitment to serving the community, coupled with his recent academic achievement, positions him to make a profound contribution to the legal field.

Officer Bute's journey to becoming a qualified lawyer began with pursuing Paralegal Studies through UWI Global. He furthered his legal knowledge by completing a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) at the University of the West Indies (UWI) Cave Hill campus, solidifying his foundational understanding of the legal system. His thirst for knowledge and desire to serve his community more effectively drove him to enroll at Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad and Tobago, where between September 2022 and May 2024, he successfully earned his Legal Education Certificate (LEC). This accomplishment qualifies him to practice law across the Eastern Caribbean states.

For Officer Bute, education has always been more than just acquiring knowledge—it has been a powerful tool for change. Reflecting on his journey, he notes, "Education has opened doors for me that I never imagined were possible. It has empowered me to not only understand the law but also to apply it in ways that can make a real difference in people's lives. As a police officer, I saw firsthand the impact of legal knowledge, and now, as a lawyer, I am eager to continue serving my community with a deeper understanding and a stronger commitment to justice, knowing that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"- Philippians 4:13"

Officer Bute’s story is one of determination and the relentless pursuit of excellence. Despite the challenges, he succeeded through rigorous academic studies and has emerged as a unique contributor to the legal system. His dual roles as a police officer and lawyer uniquely position him to contribute to the legal system with insights gained from both fields, offering an invaluable perspective in the pursuit of justice that is both intriguing and appreciated.

As he embarks on this new chapter, Officer Bute remains committed to the values that have guided him throughout his career—integrity, service, and justice. His journey serves as an inspiration, reminding us all of the profound impact that education can have on our lives and the lives of those around us.

Commissioner of Police, Mr. Enville Williams (Ag), and other ranks of the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) and its auxiliaries extend their heartfelt congratulations to Cpl. Devon S. Bute on his academic achievement. Their recognition and support for Officer Bute's journey to becoming a qualified lawyer is a source of pride and inspiration for the entire community.

Officer Bute is expected to graduate in October 2024 and later be called to practice law with St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Eastern Caribbean States.

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