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## PRESS RELEASE

## 15 Days Left: National Firearm Amnesty Program (NFA2024)

The Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) is issuing a reminder to the public about the ongoing National Firearm Amnesty program (NFA2024). This initiative, which began on March 1, 2024, and will conclude on May 31, 2024, is a critical step in our efforts to reduce the proliferation of illegal firearms in our country. With only **15 days** left in the amnesty program, we urge all citizens to take this opportunity seriously and contribute to making Saint Vincent and the Grenadines a safer place for everyone.

The recent amendments to the Firearm Act have reinforced a stringent stance against illegal firearms. The seriousness of this initiative cannot be overstated. To date, the public has responded by handing over **13 firearms** and **291 rounds of ammunition.** We commend these efforts and encourage more participation as the deadline approaches.

We appeal to all residents to encourage those in possession of illegal firearms and ammunition to hand them over. Firearms can be surrendered at the **nearest police station** or to **designated community leaders**, including **ministers of religion**, **justices of the peace**, **parliamentarians**, **lawyers**, or **authorized firearms dealers**. This is a unique opportunity to turn in illegal firearms without fear of prosecution and to help foster a more peaceful environment for our citizens and visitors.

Let's work together to ensure the safety and security of our beautiful nation. Your cooperation is crucial in making Saint Vincent and the Grenadines a safer place. For more information, please contact your nearest police station or call police control at 1784-457-1211

Together, we can make a difference. Hand in illegal firearms now!

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