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PRESS RELEASE

Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force Enhances Operations Through Joint Initiative with York Regional Police and Retired Staff Sergeant Tony Browne

November 4, 2024 – Kingstown: The Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) is pleased to announce the acquisition of 15 laptops, made possible through a valued collaboration between retired Staff Sergeant Anthony "Tony" Browne and the York Regional Police in Canada. The formal handover, held on October 30, 2024, at Central Police Station, signifies a significant enhancement to the RSVGPF's technological resources, bolstering our operational efficiency and national policing capabilities.

Commissioner of Police Mr. Envill Williams received the laptops on behalf of the RSVGPF and expressed gratitude for this collaborative effort. "We are immensely grateful to Mr. Browne and the York Regional Police for this invaluable contribution," said Commissioner Williams. "The laptops will significantly enhance our investigative capabilities, enabling us to better serve the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with Mr. Browne and other partners dedicated to improving our policing operations."

Mr. Browne, a native of Coulls Hill, St. Vincent, migrated to Canada as a young boy and later began his career with the York Regional Police. He served in key areas including Management, the Corporate Communications Bureau, the Property and Evidence Bureau, the Criminal Investigations Department, and Sex Offense Investigation units. To further strengthen his expertise, Mr. Browne earned a degree in Justice Studies from the University of Guelph. A strong advocate for community policing, he consistently worked to foster meaningful relationships between law enforcement and the people they serve.

Beyond his personal contributions, Mr. Browne's work reflects the ongoing support from the York Regional Police, who, alongside him, have dedicated time and resources to aid law enforcement in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Their collaborative efforts have extended beyond our shores, including disaster relief initiatives following Hurricane Ivan in 2005 in Jamaica, where they provided shelters, food, and nutrition to affected communities. Additional initiatives included repairing hurricane-damaged buildings, constructing a solar energy plant, and supporting educational institutions, efforts that underscore both Mr. Browne's and York Regional Police's dedication to humanitarian aid and sustainable development.

This donation is part of Mr. Browne's ongoing efforts to support and strengthen the RSVGPF. The RSVGPF expresses its deepest gratitude to York Regional Police and Mr. Browne for their enduring partnership and invaluable support. This collaboration exemplifies the powerful impact of dedicated individuals and institutions working together to advance public safety and foster international cooperation. The RSVGPF highly values these contributions. Looking ahead, the RSVGPF is enthusiastic about future partnerships with York Regional Police to further strengthen our efforts to serve and protect the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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