

@ALLEGATIONS OF ILL-TREATMENT BY POLICE IN GRENADA

Amnesty International is concerned that people in Grenada may have been subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment by the police during the period 27 March 1993 to 20 January 1995, contrary to international standards prohibiting ill-treatment and torture.

On 27 March 1993, Dexter Maitland, a resident of Springs, was reportedly driven to an isolated area of **Fort Jeudy** by a policeman who accused him of having stolen his gun. Dexter Maitland was allegedly beaten with a stick by the policeman, his hands were bruised by handcuffs and the policeman tried to cut him in the stomach with a cutlass (short sword with slightly curved blade). Dexter Maitland managed to escape and went to report the incident to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID).

On 28 March 1993, Anthony Phillip was shot twice by policemen from the **Gouyave Police Station**. Amnesty International understands that the policemen had come to his home to arrest Anthony Phillip for a minor offence. Anthony Phillip was allegedly first shot in the lower back as he was lying under a sheet in bed and a policeman allegedly remarked "Let's finish him off". He was then reportedly shot a second time in the back while he was trying to escape. He was taken to hospital by residents of the area.

On 2 April 1993, Lawrence Lesley was allegedly brutalized for apparently no reason by two police officers attached to the **Grenville Police Station**. He was outside a shop when a police officer reportedly struck him on the forehead. He was then handcuffed and brought to the Grenville Police Station. Once at the station, the officer on duty asked the two policemen to take Lawrence Lesley to the hospital. On the way to the hospital, Lawrence Lesley was allegedly beaten again by the two policemen and then taken back to the station, before he could see any doctor. He was then freed without charge. His family brought him to hospital, where he received nine stitches in the forehead.

On 29 May 1994, Thomas Charles, a resident of **Perseverance**, went to the Central Police Station to report a possible burglary at his house. A police officer told him that he would deal with the problem later and ordered him to leave the police station. Thomas Charles insisted on reporting the incident however, but was then pulled by his shoulder from behind, and shot while still in the police station. The shot grazed Thomas Charles's back and burst through his right arm. He was then taken to hospital.

On 8 January 1995, Rupert Williams, who is allegedly mentally ill, was removed by the police from a shop because it was reported that he was giving trouble. He was driven to the **South St George Police Station**, where he was allegedly kicked on the upper body, hit in the face by police officers, and kept locked in a cell for two days.

Kingsley Fletcher was standing on the roadside when he overheard a police officer using obscene language to a girl Fletcher knew. Kingsley Fletcher intervened and

advised the girl to go home. The officer then went to the **Victoria Police Station** and returned with two others, one of whom was carrying a police baton. They allegedly beat Kingsley Fletcher and jumped on his chest. Kingsley Fletcher was subsequently charged for resisting arrest, assaulting a police officer and disorderly behaviour.

On 6 April 1995, Lawrence Lincoln Adolphose (known as "Gooshut"), was shot dead by a police woman after a dispute with a neighbour. Gooshut was mentally disturbed and had been allegedly attacked once before by the police in 1990 or 1991, as a result of which he reportedly lost an eye. The police woman has not been charged.

Amnesty International understands that investigations were being carried out into the cases of Dexter Maitland, Thomas Charles and Kingsley Fletcher, and is seeking information about the outcome of these inquiries. It is also urging that a full, independent enquiry be made into the other incidents.