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Enough! Actions by St. Elizabeth Parish Court Judge earns the ire of the Police Federation

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Kingston Jamaica, Friday November 5, 2021. The actions of a St. Elizabeth Parish Court Judge, has earned the ire of the Police Federation and the rank and file members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) who are demanding answers and redress from the Judiciary and the Justice Minister.

This after the Judge instructed that a Constable on duty in uniform be brought before the court in handcuffs for failing to appear in court the previous day. The Constable had another matter in another court with similar jurisdiction and had communicated to the appropriate persons who had in turn highlighted this to the Judge.

The arrogance displayed by the Judge is an abuse of power and has eroded the trust and working relationship with the court as this is not the first report of this nature the Police Federation said.

A Superior Court Officer the Police Federation says, has violated the constitutional rights of the Constable and has violated the human dignity of the member and must be held accountable.
No one is above scrutiny and accountability they said.

Our members are becoming more demoralized as the actions of citizens from all levels of society in dealing with the Police are egregious and atrocious.

The Federation said a comprehensive report on the matter will be sent to the Minister of National Security, Commissioner of Police, the Chief Justice and the Minister of Justice.

The Police Federation is demanding swift action to repair the damage caused by the Judge's action.

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