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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FORMER ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE APPOINTED AS A  
MAGISTRATE**

**June 29, 2023, Kingstown** – Former Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. John Alvin Ballah has been appointed as a Magistrate in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. His Honour, Mr. Ballah was sworn in by Her Excellency, The Governor General, Dame Susan Dougan, at Government House on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

His Honour, Mr. John A. Ballah was an experienced and tested police officer. He was enlisted in the RSVGPF on May 16, 2003. He worked in several departments and police stations and served as the Divisional Commander of various policing divisions throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Before his appointment, he was the Officer in charge of the Legal Policies and Research Unit and Process Office.

Commissioner of Police, Mr. Colin John lauded the former senior police officer's achievement. "Mr. Ballah was an excellent police officer. He was dependable, reliable, and a diligent worker. I have no doubt that he would be a fair and effective magistrate" said the Commissioner.

According to Commissioner John, while the organization has lost a good police officer, the entire nation and the justice system will benefit from his deliberations as a Magistrate. “Mr. Ballah’s performance as the former officer in charge of the Legal Research and Policies Unit (LRPU) was highly commendable. The LRPU serves as a liaison between the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) and the office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) to ensure that case files are properly prepared and ready for court among other things. Mr. Ballah also played a critical role in the drafting of policies and legal opinions for the RSVGPF. I will always be grateful for his contribution to the RSVGPF.”

The Commissioner of Police, executive and other ranks of the Royal St. Vincent and the Police Force extend congratulations and best wishes to His Honour, Mr. John A. Ballah in his new role as a Magistrate.

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