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## PRESS STATEMENT

## **ERC Condemns Vile Facebook Comments Made Against the Late Adrianna Younge and Her Family**

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) strongly condemns the reprehensible and deeply offensive comments made by Ms. Jennifer Ally on Facebook, directed at the late Adrianna Younge and her grieving family.

The Commission is appalled that, during a time of mourning, such vile and hateful expressions were publicly shared, further inflicting pain on a family already burdened by tragic loss. These actions violate the basic standards of decency and mutual respect that are essential to maintaining harmony in our multi-ethnic society.

The ERC has officially opened a formal case into this matter and intends to engage Ms. Jennifer Ally. She is being requested to report to the Commission to address the content and intent of her remarks.

The Commission reminds the public that freedom of expression, while protected, must be exercised responsibly. The use of social media to spread hate, incite division, or cause psychological harm, especially in the context of bereavement, is unacceptable and contrary to the values enshrined in the Constitution of Guyana.

The ERC continues to monitor this matter and will act in accordance with its constitutional mandate to promote harmony, prevent ethnic or racial hostility, and encourage respectful public discourse.

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