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Date: December 12, 2024

To: Office of the Police Commissioner

From: Sgt De Benedictis, Support Services Division

Subject: ABICA International Food Festival

Dwight Christian of the Antigua and Barbuda International Cultural Association (ABICA) has applied for a permit to hold a food festival on Friday, May 23, 2025, from 6pm till 10pm, and Saturday May 24, 2025, from 8am till 8pm. The applicant has requested that this two-day event be held at the Doles Center on May 23rd and Hartley Park on May 24th, 2025. It should be noted that this event will be hosted in collaboration with the Recreation department.

The applicant is requesting the partial closure of Oakley Avenue (at the edge of the Senior Pavilion) to Crary Avenue on Saturday, May 24, 2025, 8am-8pm. They are also requesting two Police Officers and Auxiliary Officers to be assigned to said event. The applicant expects 300 + people to attend this event.

I have not observed any public safety concerns regarding this event. The application lists Food and Beverage to be sold at this event by vendors. The applicant needs to acquire all appropriate permits prior to final approval of the applications. It is recommended that four (4) Police Officers and four (4) Auxiliary Officers be assigned to each event and Patrol Division give said locations special attention.

The Department of Public Works is to be notified to provide and remove barricades for the closure of Oakley Avenue. The Parking Bureau will be notified to place no parking signs at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to each event.

Sgt De Benedictis #3
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CC: Patrol Division
Parking Bureau