

TO: The News Editor

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TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (TA) MAKING STRIDES IN DRIVE TO REMOVE TINT, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND MARKINGS FROM PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES

Over 207 public passenger operators have been prosecuted, over the past two weeks as the Transport Authority continues its initiative to curtail illegal public passenger operations across the nation's roadways.

Operations General Manager at the Transport Authority, Cecil Morgan says that the operations are geared at the removal of tint and musical instruments as well as curbing illegal "robot" operations. The operations have been carried out in collaboration with the Police and the Island Traffic Authority, in St. James, Trelawny, Clarendon and the Kingston Metropolitan Region. He says in Black River a special operation was mounted to address complaints by the public of the lewd behaviour of some bus crews in that area and these will continue island wide.

In the meantime, operators are being reminded of the following:

Under section 15B of the Transport Authority Regulations (2005), **the installation of curtains, screens or other similar devices on a public passenger vehicle (except Contract Carriages), which prevents inward view is an offence.**

The installation or playing of radios, DVD's, CD's, video players or other audio-visual equipment on public passenger vehicles (except for Contract Carriages) is also an offence.

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While the Authority is currently exercising a discretionary approach in allowing Am/Fm radios on such vehicles; all other audio visual equipment is prohibited.

Under section 16 (2) of the Transport Authority Regulations (2005), **making graphics, wording or markings on public passenger vehicles without approval is an offence.**

The Authority is seeking the cooperation of the general public as these operations are aimed at ensuring the safety of the commuting public, particularly our children.

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