Incarceration of Females to Her Majesty’s Prisons, Grenada, January 1988 to December 2009

Statistics from the Grenada Drug Information Network (GRENDIN), revealed that for the period 1 January 1988 to 31 December 2009, a total of seventy seven (77) females were sentenced to prison for drug related offences.

Eighty five percent (85%) were non-nationals, comprising of mainly British, Jamaican and American nationals; while the remaining fifteen (15) percent comprised mainly of Grenadians. The main offence committed by the foreign nationals was drug trafficking, while the Grenadians were incarcerated for possession of a controlled drug.

The chart which follows presents statistics on the number of females sentenced to Her Majesty's Prisons, by age, number and percentage, for the period under review.

A review of the socio-economic status of the females incarcerated for drug-related offences show the following:

- Majority of the females were between the age band 20 to 24 years.
- Most of the females had completed Secondary (High) School.
- These females held steady jobs and income prior to incarceration.
- Most of the females were arrested in the parishes of St. George’s, and St. Andrew respectively.