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Police Investigate Shooting Death of Barbados Soldier

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BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, CMC – The police have launched an investigation into the shooting death of a soldier on the compound of a police station on Monday afternoon.

The police say that based on preliminary investigations Lance Corporal Pablo Kinch and three colleagues from the Barbados Defence Force (BDF) had just returned from a joint patrol with police officers, and were awaiting transportation back to their base when the incident occurred.

Kinch, who is attached to the army's Paragon base, was shot in the right sternum but died despite efforts to resuscitate him .

Assistant Superintendent of Police David Wiltshire, of the Criminal Investigations Division, has been assigned to investigate the matter.

“We wish to publicly express our sorrow at this most unfortunate incident and to extend sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Lance Corporal Kinch. Our country has lost a brave defender of law and order, who performed his duties on joint patrols with the police over the past year with vigour and enthusiasm. He will be missed,” Wiltshire said.

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