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# Christie claims PM 'desperate'

## PLP leader says Ingraham feels under pressure

By CELESTE NIXON  
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THE pressure of the upcoming general election seems to be getting to Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and showing him in a new light, his challenger claimed yesterday.

In an exclusive interview with *The Tribune*, PLP leader Perry Christie branded the Prime Minister's latest comments as desperate, and claimed his lack of civility has brought politics in the Bahamas to a new low.

Responding to Mr Ingraham's speech at the FNM's unveiling of its full slate of 38 candidates at the Wyndham Nassau Resort on Sunday, Mr Christie said: "For the first time I see desperation, where he is almost beseeching and begging people not to vote for the PLP - I have never seen that in him before."

"I thought the Prime Minister's speech was most regret-

table in so far that he resorted to language that had no boundaries when it comes down to the civility that should be in public life."

During his address Mr Ingraham labeled Mr Christie as a leader of talk and promises, "too weak and too scared" while in office to deal with members of his own administration who fell out of line.

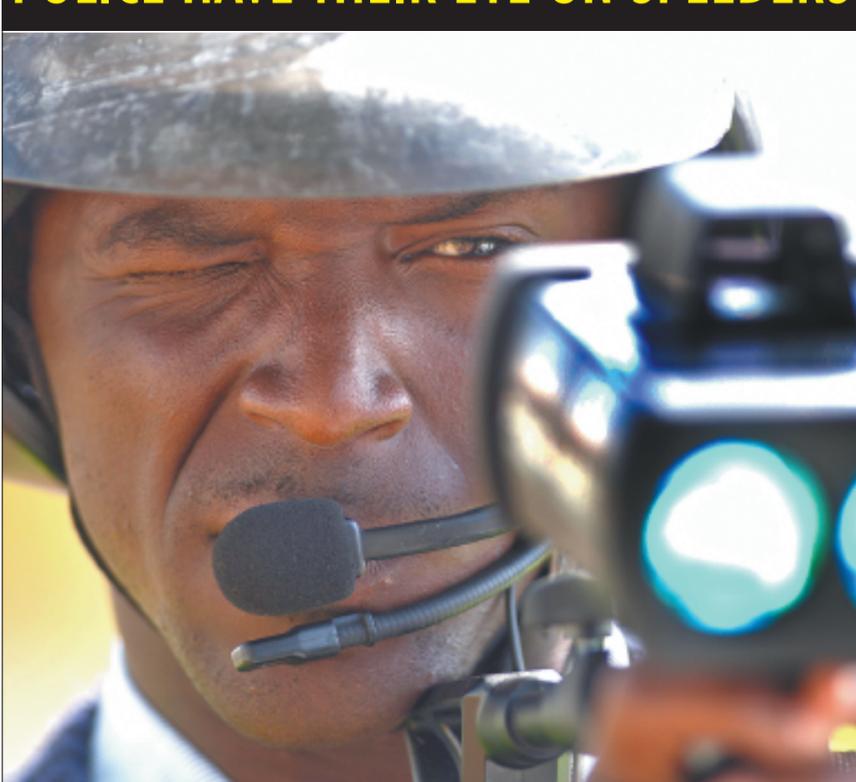
While you expect criticism in politics, Mr Christie said, insults - particularly from a person in such a high office and that are intended to denigrate a person unfairly - are wrong.

"This standard that he seems to apply, does not apply to the FNM," he said. "It only applies to the PLP, it is incredibly wrong and is taking politics in this country in the wrong direction."

Regarding the PLP's choice of candidates to run in the coming elections, Mr Ingraham said: "From some of the

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## POLICE HAVE THEIR EYE ON SPEEDERS



**POLICE** in the Bahamas have been testing out a new laser radar gun which can be used to catch speeding drivers. The new equipment can accurately measure the speed of a driver from miles away, meaning that by the time a driver notices a policeman, their speed has already been clocked. For more on the police testing, turn to page 2.

Photo: **Felipe Major**/Tribune Staff

## TRIAL DATE FOR WOMAN IN \$40,000 FRAUD CASE

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A SUPREME Court trial date has been set for a woman accused of defrauding a community development initiative of more than \$40,000.

Valderine Watkins, who once worked as a secretary in the Ministry of Housing under former Minister Shane Gibson, could stand trial before March 18, 2013, if space within the legal calendar becomes available to hear the matter.

Watkins along with co-defendant Stanley Nixon, are being tried before Justice Roy Jones on multiple charges of fraud, conspiracy to commit fraud by false pretenses, forgery and uttering forged documents and other charges.

The prosecution claims the pair, between 2006 and 2007, conspired to and committed fraud by forging contracts which were used to obtain funds that were expected to be used to the benefit of the Urban Renewal Programme.

It is claimed Watkins forged contracts to Nixon who received funds in excess of \$40,000 to start works for the Urban Renewal Programme that reportedly never commenced.

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## PLP VETERAN: NO SURPRISE AT ACCUSATION

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A FORMER PLP chairman expressed no surprise at Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's statement on alleged corruption among some candidates chosen by opposition leader Perry Christie to run in the upcoming elections.

Raynard Rigby, who is now practicing law, said he was not surprised by the PM's statement about opposition leader Perry Christie's choice of running candidates who have allegations of corruption lingering around them.

He said: "That is an issue one can always anticipate the FNM to use in this debate near to election time and I anticipate the PLP has a response to that allegation."

During the Free National Movement's launch of its full slate of 38 candidates for the soon-to-be-called general

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## VOLUNTEER BAHAMAS ISSUES ALERT

By SANCHESKA BROWN  
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**VOLUNTEER** Bahamas officials yesterday warned the public to be vigilant after several churches and civic organisations were targeted by con artists.

Darron Turnquest, director of youth, said individuals have been pretending to be members of Volunteer Bahamas in order to accept money on their behalf.

Mr Turnquest said the

matter was brought to their attention last week, after the Royal Bahamas Police Force informed them that someone had been arrested and is expected to be charged in connection with fraud.

"We were told by the police that regrettably persons have made an attempt to defraud churches and civic organisations in the name of Volunteer Bahamas.

"These individuals have been soliciting funds while impersonating staff and mem-

bers of Volunteer Bahamas.

"We have been informed by the police that they are investigating the matter," he said.

Mr Turnquest urged the public to contact the police if they are approached by anyone purporting to be from Volunteer Bahamas requesting donations.

He said: "Please note the staff of Volunteer Bahamas will only call you regarding your application and partici-

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CORPORAL 1240 Taylor tests out a new laser radar gun yesterday with the help of an expert from Kustom Signals Inc, a company that makes and markets traffic speed radar. The expert was in town for five days providing training for police officers. Photos: Felipe Major/Tribune Staff



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# FAMILY IDENTIFY BODY OF SUICIDE VICTIM WHO JUMPED TO DEATH ON CRUISE

By **DANA SMITH**  
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FAMILY members of a man who reportedly jumped to his death on a cruise ship remained silent as they waited to identify his body. Standing outside of Princess Margaret Hospital's

Rand Laboratory, the family refused to speak to press, only confirming who they were. Police did not officially identify the alleged suicide victim, although sources say he was a 26-year-old American. According to police, the

victim was a passenger on board Carnival's Fantasy Cruise Ship. The ship was docked at Prince George Wharf late Friday evening when he reportedly jumped from one floor of the ship to another. As a result, he suffered serious injuries and was declared

dead at the scene. Carnival issued a statement following the incident, saying a guest fell. It also said the ship's visit to Freeport, which was scheduled for the following Saturday, was cancelled as investigations into the matter continue.

The ship left Charleston, South Carolina last Wednesday for a five-day Bahamas cruise. The ship is still scheduled to return to Charleston on Monday. This incident marks the second alleged suicide aboard a cruise ship for the year.

Earlier this month, a 25-year-old crew member of the Royal Caribbean Cruise's Monarch of the Sea also allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the vessel. That incident took place six miles from the port of Nassau on January 12.

# Man bailed by court over Volunteer Bahamas 'scam'



**JERRON BAIN** is led to court by officers. He is accused of committing nearly \$700 worth of fraud while impersonating a worker for Volunteer Bahamas. Photo: **Lamech Johnson/Tribune Staff**

By **LAMECH JOHNSON**  
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A MAN was granted \$5,000 bail after pleading not guilty in Magistrate's Court to committing nearly \$700 worth of fraud while impersonating a Volunteer Bahamas worker.

Jerron Bain, 21, of Saunders Acres was released on the bond by Court 10 Magistrate Guilimina Archer after the prosecution offered no objection.

Bain was arraigned in the Nassau Street Court on three charges of fraud by false pretences, along with possessing and uttering a false document. It was claimed that all the offences were committed between November 8 and December 15, 2011.

It is alleged that on November 8, Bain obtained \$300

cash from Reverend T G Morrison under false pretences.

On November 28, it is claimed, he was in possession of a forged Royal Bank of Canada cheque bearing his name, which he used knowing it was not genuine.

It is further claimed that on the same day, he obtained \$150 from Dr Cleveland Eneas.

The fourth offence was allegedly committed by the accused on December 15. He is charged with obtaining \$200 from Reverend Rubert Smith on that date.

Bain chose to have the charge of forging and uttering a false document tried in the Magistrate's Court.

During his arraignment, the accused initially pleaded guilty to the charges, explaining that he had received the funds, but not under false pre-

tences. Magistrate Archer did not accept this plea. "Either you did or you didn't do it," she said.

After all the charges were read, the accused again attempted to explain the circumstances behind the situation, saying it stemmed from his attempt to obtain a business licence under the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

The Magistrate cut him off and told him he could explain the details at his trial in July.

"I don't need an explanation at this time," she said.

The accused, who was not represented by an attorney, was told that he would be granted \$5,000 bail with one surety.

He returns to court for trial on July 18. Four witnesses are expected to give evidence.

# VOLUNTEER BAHAMAS ISSUES ALERT

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pation in the programme. Under no circumstance would any member of Volunteer Bahamas contact you to solicit funds or goods.

"Volunteer Bahamas is a programme that does not require your funds, but simply your time."

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham launched the Volunteer Bahamas initiative in November of last year.

Mr Turnquest said the programme – aimed at uniting those eager to be involved in social work with the charities that need them

– already has 700 volunteers onboard and 23 organisations have sent in requests for their services.

Registration forms for Volunteer Bahamas are available on the governments website [www.bahamas.gov.bs](http://www.bahamas.gov.bs). They are also available in New Providence at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture on Thompson Boulevard and at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development in the Main Post Office Building on East Street.

Family Island residents can collect or return applications to the Administrator's office on their respective islands.

# DRY CLEANING EMPLOYEE ACCUSED OF STEALING GOODS

By **LAMECH JOHNSON**  
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A MAN accused of stealing nearly \$19,000 in goods from a local dry-cleaning company where he worked was granted bail yesterday in Magistrate's Court.

Roscoe Rox, 36, was granted \$10,000 bail by Court 10 Magistrate Guilimina Archer after the prosecution offered no objection.

The Nassau Village resident was arraigned on a charge of stealing by reason of employment.

It is claimed that he stole 18,793.37 in goods from New Oriental Laundry and Cleaners Ltd.

The crime was committed between March 4 and July 5, 2011.

Because of the amount of time that has elapsed since

the offence was committed, Magistrate Archer told the accused that he was not required to enter a plea to the charge.

She informed him that the matter could proceed through a pre-trial procedure to determine if there was sufficient evidence against him to have the matter tried before the Supreme Court.

"Alternatively," she said, "the prosecution can fast track the case to the Supreme Court through the presentation of a Voluntary Bill of Indictment."

The accused, who was not represented in yesterday's proceedings, is scheduled to return to court on July 6.

The prosecution will say how it intends to proceed with the case at that time. Seven witnesses are expected to give evidence.

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## 25 nations to sign treaty to stop overspending

ALL countries in the European Union, except Britain and the Czech Republic, agreed Monday to sign up to a new treaty designed to stop overspending in the eurozone and put an end to the bloc's crippling debt crisis, while also pledging to stimulate growth across the region.

The new treaty, known as the fiscal compact, was agreed at a summit of European leaders in Brussels on Monday. It includes strict debt brakes and makes it more difficult for deficit sinners to escape sanctions. The 17-country eurozone hopes that the tighter rules will convince investors that all countries will get their debts under control and restore confidence in their joint currency.

"We have a majority of 25 that will now sign up to the fiscal compact," Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt said after the summit.

Although the new rules only apply to the 17 euro states, the currency union was hoping to get broad support from the other EU states, in the hope that the accord could eventually be integrated into the main EU treaty.

Britain had already said in December that it wouldn't sign the new treaty. Reinfeldt said that the Czech Republic didn't sign up because of parliamentary procedural problems.

The summit also promised Monday to stimulate growth and create jobs across the region, in a tacit acknowledgment that their exclusive focus on austerity has had painful side effects.

"Yes, we need discipline, but we also need growth," said Jose Manuel Barroso, the president of the European Commission.

The leaders pledged to offer more training for young people to ease their transition to the work force, deploy unused development funds to create jobs, reduce barriers to doing business across the EU's 27 countries, and ensure that small businesses have access to credit. However, there was no offer of any new financial stimulus.

"We must do more to get Europe out of the crisis," the leaders said in a statement.

Barroso said that there are still 82 billion euros (\$107.5 billion) in development funds yet to be allocated and which small and medium businesses could use as guarantees to get funding from banks.

He also said that the Commission will dispatch action teams to the eight countries where youth unemployment is the highest and help fund apprenticeships and young startups.

Europe's debt crisis has put the continent and its leaders in an almost impossible situation. While they have to slash their deficits to reassure the financial markets and investors reluctant to lend to them, the debt crisis has also sent unemployment soaring. Many analysts, politicians and trade unions think that only government spending can restart growth.

Overall, 23 million people are jobless across the EU, 10 per cent of the active population. In Spain, unemployment has soared to nearly 23 per cent and closed in on 50 per cent for those under age 25, leaving more than 5 million people out of work as the country slides toward recession.

Even the most influential countries in Europe — which are generally better off — are suffering. The French government was forced Monday to revise down its growth forecast for its economy for the year from 1 per cent to just 0.5 per cent.

In fact, many now fear that Europe is on the verge of another recession, and leaders gathering in Brussels said that while austerity is important, more needs to be done for growth. Economists often note that cutting spending is just one way to slash deficits; another equally important method is to boost growth, which increases the amount of money pouring into government coffers.

While the leaders meeting in Brussels focused on walking the fine line between reining in spending and stimulating growth, the elephant in the room was Greece.

Greece and its bondholders have come closer to a deal to significantly reduce the country's debt and pave the way for it to receive a much-needed \$170 billion bailout.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Monday he hoped a final agreement on Greece will be achieved "in the coming days", either at a special meeting of eurozone finance ministers or leaders.

Negotiators for Greece's private creditors said Saturday that a debt-reduction deal could become final within the next week. If the agreement works as planned, it could help Greece avoid a catastrophic default, which would be a blow to Europe's already weak financial system.

But European officials are afraid that even that deal may not be enough to fix Greece's finances, with some blaming Athens for dithering on its promise to cut spending and introduce austerity measures.

By Gabriele Steinhauser and Sarah DiLorenzo, AP Business Writers.

# The battle for governance is heating up

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THE battle for governance for the next five-year period is truly heating up as the parties go through the process of naming and publishing their list of candidates. Each party is now shifting focus in an attempt to convince the Bahamian electorate that it is the better prepared, experienced and committed, to move the country forward in this point in time, in this 21st century.

In total, we can anticipate approximately 114 candidates exclusive of those who may run as independents, which make up this figure to about 119. By any stretch of the imagination, that is a large number of persons who would be seeking to fill 38 seats.

What is interesting to note is the fact that every attempt has been made to choose men and women who are representative of a reasonable cross-section of society. From all appearances, this would seem to be a good thing, but is it really? This, however, is a very important factor, because in the mix, even though it is not very obvious now you have the good, the bad and the ugly.

In spite of those drawbacks, the reality is that this is the socio-cultural gene-pool from which the Bahamian people must elect persons to represent them. Many of you, my Bahamian brothers and sisters, would agree with me that the matter of representation is a serious one. Therefore, when a man or woman requests your permission (by way of your vote) to represent you, he or she should possess certain basic characteristics. Yes I am talking about persons with character, inclusive of but not limited to the following:

- 1) Stand for godly principles;
- 2) Should be blameless, the husband of one wife and vice versa;
- 3) He or she should be temperate, sober-minded of good behaviour, hospitable and able to teach;
- 4) Not given to wine or other strong drink;
- 5) Should not be violent, not greedy for money;
- 6) Should be gentle;
- 7) Not quarrelsome, not covetous;
- 8) Should rule his/her house well;
- 9) Should have his/her children in submission;

As Bahamians, we rarely pay any attention to the character

## LETTERS

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of those so-called representatives. When I looked up the word representative, Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary gives the following definitions:

- One that represents a constituency as a member of a legislative body;
- Standing or acting for another;
- One that represents another or others;
- One that represents another as agent, deputy, substitute or delegate, usually vested with the authority of the principal.

We can see from these definitions that these individuals are sent to Parliament to speak and act on our behalf. For someone to act on our behalf we should know what they stand for, so that they would be able to articulate the needs of the individual as well as the community of which he/she is a part.

Yes, indeed, it is sobering to think that the season is here wherein strange men and women will be canvassing throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth trying to persuade us to vote for a party, with little emphasis placed on the individual for whom you would be marking your X.

Many of the individuals would have been selected by the party to run in what may be termed a "foreign" or unfamiliar constituency. Each sober voter should be asking the following questions:

How were these candidates chosen to represent my interest? Who in the local district took part in the selection process? Are these candidates familiar with our local concerns? Do they have a vested interest in the area? What do they really care about my condition and that of my community? Can the one chosen to represent me speak from personal experience of what my needs are?

It would appear that the process of selecting individuals by the political parties leaves much to be desired. The perceived method(s) employed reminds one of the games run in many areas was done in a similar fashion to that of musical chairs or the game called connect four. It would appear that the candidates were selected based on issues such as:

- Family background;

- Intimidation and social pressure or stigma;
- The candidate is chosen based on the perceived view that he or she can secure a win not for the people but for the party at large;

While the latter position is important, the priority seems to be mixed up. The party seems to take priority over the voters. The current process breeds disrespect for the electorate and evidence can be seen in the various communities where for decades the deplorable living conditions for many indigent Bahamians remain unchanged.

Another area of disrespect is shown when constituents try to have an audience with his/her representative. The seated politician acts as though his loyal constituent who gave him/her the job is now a bother and he/she has no time to waste with their concerns. The amazing thing that is really mind boggling is that many of these same Bahamians have lived for five years in unsanitary conditions, poor housing, large mounds of refuse, derelict vehicles, high rodent infestations and other adverse community conditions. Yet when the politicians come around they act as though the Lord has made an appearance and they jockey around to try and shake hands etcetera, and at times never putting serious questions and matters before the so-called representative.

Bahamians this time around call for some background information on your would-be representative. One evening of introduction of a candidate is not enough. You deserve more. Remember you are the boss, they are seeking a job now and the trump card is in your hand, how you play that card is entirely up to you.

Whoever you vote for and whatever the outcome, remember we would all have to live with the consequences for the next five years, after the election is all finished and done with. The old saying is, "don't mind the noise in the market, but pay attention to the price of the fish." This is good advice because there is a cost for the fish purchased outright and that which may be credited and have to be paid for later. The noise therefore, my beloved Bahamians, can be a very distracting and deceptive factor.

MICHAEL E TURNER  
Nassau, January 19, 2012.

## Christie hypocrisy

EDITOR, The Tribune.

There is the ordinary type of hypocrisy. Then there is the Perry Gladstone Christie brand of hypocrisy. The man who said he would swim through vomit to return to the PLP has, in my opinion, always been more interested in getting power than moving the country forward, always more interested in profiling than working.

It is also my opinion that Mr Christie was useless as prime minister. But he is desperate to get back into office because he has no legacy. Even if Hubert Ingraham left office tomorrow he has a legacy of which he can be proud. But if Mr Christie does not win again he will go down in history as an utterly failed prime minister and leader. So, he will say all kinds of things to win.

Since the onset of the 2008 world-wide economic recession, Mr. Christie has pretended that the impact of the downturn is the fault of Mr. Ingraham. Now all of a sudden Mr. Christie admits the impact of the downturn on The Bahamas. But apparently he has only done so to cover up his grand scale incompetence and perhaps his biggest blunder in office.

We now know that Mr. Christie and his incompetent government allowed Kerzner International to leverage its Bahamas operations to build its mega resort in Dubai. This is something Prime Minister Ingraham says he would never

have done. Now that Kerzner International is having debt problems, Perry Christie, Mr. Incompetence and Mr. Hypocrisy is blaming the Ingraham Government for what he and the PLP messed up on.

As usual, Mr Ingraham will have to clean up the Perry Christie mess. Mr Christie should keep his mouth closed and say thank God for Hubert Ingraham. Because God knows if it was left to the PLP there would have been no Atlantis in the first place. Let's not forget that a number of senior PLPs bitterly opposed the Atlantis development.

Not only can't Perry Christie get big projects like Baha Mar going in the first place. Whatever he gets his hands on it appears that he wrecks. But to hide his incompetence and failures he is happy to blame others for his mistakes. The buck never stops with Mr. Christie. It's always someone else's fault. This is not the stuff of which real leaders are made.

Perry Christie says he would be happy to offer his help with international investors on the Kerzner matter. If Bahamians don't laugh at this, they'll have to weep. If Mr Ingraham sees Mr Christie coming to offer advice, he should run, not walk away from the most incompetent prime minister in Bahamian history. At least Mr Christie is good for a good laugh, if nothing else.

AVS  
Nassau.

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NOTICE is hereby given that **PABLO FELIZ GOMEZ** of Ridgeland Park West, P.O. Box SB-51780, Nassau, Bahamas is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **31<sup>st</sup> day of JANUARY, 2012** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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CASSIUS STUART, the FNM candidate for Bamboo Town, has said the constituency is part of the party's bedrock and that Branville McCartney is in for a "rude awakening".

# FNM candidate plots rude awakening for Bran

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FNM candidate for Bamboo Town Cassius Stuart claims the constituency is part of his party's "bedrock" and that incumbent Branville McCartney is in for a "rude awakening" come election time.

Mr Stuart, the former Bahamas Democratic Movement (BDM) leader, also spoke about the "practical" decision to disband his party and join the FNM.

"There's only so much beating-downs you can take," he said.

Despite the fact that Bamboo Town's current representative is the leader of the DNA, Mr Stuart insisted the constituency still supports the FNM.

He said Mr McCartney "confused the whole thing" when he made the decision to leave the FNM halfway through his term and form a new party.

"He thought the votes were for him," Mr Stuart said, "but Bamboo Town has always been and will always be FNM. This constituency is the bedrock of the FNM."

Mr Stuart alleged Mr McCartney's presence in Bamboo Town "is not felt like people think it is".

"His perception is bigger than his reality and that's going to be his downfall. When the rude awakening happens, then you will feel it," he said.

"People not in Bamboo Town think he is strong, but the reality is the FNM is strong in Bamboo Town."

Mr Stuart is confident of a win, as the constituents "have been FNM, they will continue to be FNM, and they will vote FNM."

The two men are almost mirror images, as Mr McCartney left the FNM to form a new and party, and Mr Stuart dismembered his to join the FNM - taking action within months of each other.

Mr Stuart explained he and the BDM made the decision after a decade of failed attempts to get a foothold in politics.

"I gave it every resource I could possible find," Mr Stuart said. "You knock on every door - they say they love you and they'll support you and then they don't. There's only so much beating downs you can take."

"We had to take a practical way to politics. I determined that the people of Bahamas love either the FNM or the PLP, while the third party

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**Cassius Stuart**

gets less than one per cent of the vote."

Mr Stuart said he wanted "to be a part of affecting the direction of the country," and that wasn't possible with the continued losses of the BDM.

"There's only so much you can do on the outside," he said. "I reached a dead end and it was time to look seriously at which direction I was going to take my life."

He expressed his interest in joining each party to their respective leaders, with Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham responding "within one hour" and Perry Christie, months later.

It was only after "months of negotiation" that the BDM joined the FNM, he said.

When asked why he decided to join a party following years of criticising both parties as being the same, Mr Stuart said: "Every political party spews rhetoric to gain momentum. We were spewing rhetoric to get people to come with us. But if you were to be objective you would see there is a clear difference (between the PLP and FNM)."

"You can see the fingerprint of the FNM, that is the difference. It is evident throughout the Bahamas."

He said issues such as the Atlantis deal, the continued development of Princess Margaret Hospital, the refurbishment of the House of Assembly and Senate, the new courts, and the road improvement project are all "fingerprints" of the FNM.

"They have proved themselves to be a party of action, versus the PLP," Mr Stuart said.

And it was Mr Ingraham's "strength" that made it easier for him to "submit" to the FNM.

"One leader to another, it's difficult to submit to a leader weaker than you," Mr Stuart said. "It's like if you're a student and you're smarter than your teacher - it doesn't work."

Sitting under Mr Ingraham as a FNM MP "will be a wonderful experience," Mr Stuart added.



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3.	<b>GUARANTEED SCHEDULED DAY</b>	All scheduled employees are guaranteed <b>7 1/2 hours pay per day</b>	No guarantee
4.	<b>OVERTIME</b>	<b>Time and one half</b> for all hours worked in excess of normal hours	SAME
5.	<b>PENSION FUND PAYMENT</b> (for each employee)	<b>\$1,066.00 annually</b> per employee	NONE
6.	<b>HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND</b> (payment for each employee)	<b>\$420.00 annually</b> per employee	NONE
7.	<b>GUARANTEED PAID CHRISTMAS BONUS</b>	<b>2 1/2 weeks pay</b>	NONE
8.	<b>HAM AND TURKEY</b>	Not Less than <b>18 pounds each</b> at Christmas	NONE
9.	<b>PAID PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>10 paid days for ALL employees.</b> A total of <b>2 1/2 times pay</b> for work on a Holiday.	No pay unless scheduled to work
10.	<b>PAID VACATION</b>	Average of <b>18 working days per year (3 1/2 weeks)</b>	
11.	<b>PAID SICK DAYS</b>	Average of <b>21 working days per year (4 1/4 weeks)</b>	
12.	<b>ACCIDENT PAY</b>	<b>Weekly wage for 12 weeks</b> less National Insurance payment	
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# FNM launches team to win 2012 votes

CANDIDATES on stage on Sunday at the FNM launch and, right, the crowd showing its support.

## PM urges five more years

By KHRISNA VIRGIL  
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ANOTHER five years in office for the Free National Movement would mean further social, economic and infrastructural advancements, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said.

Revealing the party's Manifesto 2012-2017 plans over the weekend to a packed room of FNM supporters, Mr Ingraham said his party would construct two new sections at the Princess Margaret Hospital – a new maternal and child health wing and a new emergency department – and introduce a catastrophic health insurance scheme.

Mr Ingraham said the party would also improve the relevance of already existing social safety nets and public assistance programmes by replacing the issuance of cheques with conditional cash payments.

His administration would

also form a Bahamas Youth Development Corp Programme to help young Bahamians earn money towards higher education and entrepreneurship.

Mr Ingraham added that his administration would continue to grant Crown land to Bahamians especially in the Family Islands for the construction of houses and new businesses, or the expansion of existing businesses.

Job readiness and creation initiatives would continue to be a focus for the FNM, he said.

Mr Ingraham said his party would implement additional policies to support job creation in the private sector and ensure an increase in the number of Bahamians who are trained and prepared to assume those jobs, as well as existing jobs now filled by foreigners.

An increase in the number of recreational spaces and sea-side parks made would be

another priority in the party's second term, he said.

In response to the sharp spike in crime, Mr Ingraham said, his administration would focus on getting to the root causes of criminality.

Last year, the government signed a \$3 million contract to put in place a new 919 emergency system.

The contract signing was branded part of the FNM's Trust Agenda 2007, which pledged state-of-the-art equipment for the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest said the upgrade came at a time when having top-notch communications is very important.

"Increased call volumes, wireless technology, heightened public expectations and national security concerns have underscored the need for an integrated and systematic approach to emergency call handling," he said.



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# MAN CHARGED WITH \$4,000 THEFT

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A MAN was arraigned in Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the theft of nearly \$4,000 from a service station where he worked.

Delano Marc, 20, of Augusta Street, appeared before Magistrate Guilimina Archer in Court 10 to face five charges of stealing by reason of employment and another five charges of falsification of accounts.

It is alleged that the former cashier at Shell Sun Oil Service Ltd on the corner of Carmichael and Baillou Hill Roads, stole the money between December 28, 2011 and January 4, 2012.

He is accused of falsifying five Royal Bank of Canada deposit slips worth \$6,813.71 with intent to defraud and stealing a portion of the funds allocated for deposit on those slips.

It total, it is alleged, the accused stole \$3,933.60.

Marc, who appeared without a lawyer, denied the alle-

gations and pleaded not guilty.

He was told he could choose whether to be tried in Magistrate's Court or Supreme Court on the charges of falsification of accounts.

He opted to be tried in the lower court.

The prosecution did not object to bail and the Magistrate released Marc a bond of \$10,000 with one surety.

He returns to court for trial on July 25. Five witnesses are expected to give evidence.

# EMBASSY LAUNCHES ESSAY CONTEST

THE US Embassy in Nassau is calling for students to take part in the 6th annual Dr Martin Luther King Jr Civil Rights Essay Contest.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage students throughout the Bahamas to explore the life of Dr King and reflect on how civil rights and diversity affect their lives today.

All high school students in the Bahamas in grades 10 through 12 are invited to participate in the contest.

Two winners will receive the grand prize – a new Apple iPad 2 – and their winning

essays will be featured in national newspapers.

Each participating school will also receive a copy of the History Channel's film KING.

This year's essay theme will centre on the contributions made by American civil rights leaders who were influenced by Dr King. Students will be asked to write an original essay of 500 words or less that describes the contributions made by one leader of the American civil rights movement.

Students will also be asked to describe what they can do

in their own community to contribute to a more peaceful and non-violent world.

All essays must be submitted electronically as an email attachment no later than February 1, 2012 at 5pm to: MLKessay@state.gov.

For additional details on the 2012 competition and the official entry forms, visit the US Embassy's webpage, <http://nassau.usembassy.gov/mlkessay2012.html>, the Embassy's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/USEmbassyNassau> or call (242) 322-1181 ext 4251.

# Bastian hits out at poor representation

By DANA SMITH  
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INDEPENDENT nominee for Mangrove Cay and South Andros, Whitney Bastian, said the constituency has received "lacklustre parliamentary representation" over the past five years.

As the former South Andros MP from 2002 to 2007, Mr Bastian said his plan to win the next election will be "asking the people to compare my record and my achievement in parliament" to that of his contenders for the seat.

He said he is referring to PLP incumbent Picewell Forbes who usurped him, but then also to DNA candidate and political newcomer,

Wayde Forbes-Ferguson.

"I am saying to those persons (Mangrove Cay and South Andros constituents) that I have proved myself in terms of negotiating on their behalf and getting things done," Mr Bastian said. "And I think I'm doing better. I'm better than myself from 2002."

He formally announced his bid for the seat as an independent earlier this month after being denied a nomination to run for the DNA in the general election. He was later involved in a public row with the DNA's leader, Branville McCartney, who denied Mr Bastian's claims that he helped to start the party.

However, Mr Bastian does not dwell on his brief tryst with the party, stating in a recent press release: "I believe politicians work best and are far more

effective when they are independently-minded and are free from party restraints, propaganda and controls."

He has "a number of programmes" planned should he win and as a native Androsian these plans are based on South Andros' "concerns" and the constituents' "interests".

The development of Mangrove Cay into a port of entry for commercial cruise lines, the expansion of the Andros Town Airport, the further establishment of agricultural and fishing industries, and the creation of a sports council and honour society are all among plans for which Mr Bastian would lobby.

Road improvement, better health care facilities, expansion of government and financial agencies, school

repairs, street light and sidewalk installation, and job training programmes and scholarships "to level the playing field for Androsians" are also planned by Mr Bastian.

"As a resident here, I know firsthand the inadequacies, injustices, and challenges we face and remain resolved to ensuring that our social and economic standards are improved," he said.

"The lacklustre parliamentary representation we have received over the past five years coupled with the ever increasing and unacceptable high level of unemployment, social degradation, lack of adequate health and utility supplies require urgent and strong leadership, of which I am fully qualified, prepared and able to provide."

# CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGE

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – After a week-long trial, Dareo Smith was acquitted of murder in the Supreme Court on Monday.

Senior Justice Hartman Longley told Smith, 19, that he was discharged of murder and that he was free to go after the jury returned a unanimous not guilty verdict of 12-0.

The jury of six men and women retired around 2pm for deliberations and returned with their verdict around 4pm.

Smith was accused of the stabbing death of Tamaro Johnson at Club Rock 'n Roll in the International Bazaar on March 6, 2011. Johnson and his friends were involved in an altercation with a group of men at the club.

Mario Gray represented Smith, who gave sworn testimony under oath on the witness stand on Friday.

Prosecutor Erica Kemp and Olivia Blatch of the Attorney General's Office appeared on behalf of the Crown.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT, Paul Pennicook (President of International Lifestyles), Marco Tagliatti (Expedia), Cheryl Ricossa (Expedia), Obie Wilchcombe (MP, former Minister of Tourism), John Issa (Chairman/SuperClubs), Demetrius Canton (Expedia), Brett Minzner (Expedia) and Tommy Thompson (Ministry of Tourism).

# BREEZES WELCOMES TOURISM DELEGATES

BREEZES Bahamas played host to delegates of the recent Caribbean Marketplace 2012.

The event was one of the biggest tourism events in the whole region, highlighting the opportunities available to those operating in the tourism market.

Delegates travelled from around the world to attend the Market-

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# FNM, PLP, DNA and the Brookfield myth

**YOUR SAY**  
By RICK LOWE  
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WHEN Brave Davis, deputy leader of the PLP, broke with the story of some secret deal hatched in the Cabinet Office between Brookfield and Atlantis, it seemed almost believable.

Then, Perry Christie, leader of the PLP, and Branville McCartney, leader of the DNA, followed up about how bad all this was.

Not too far behind were James Smith, former Minister of Finance for the PLP and former Governor of the Central Bank of The Bahamas, and Franklyn Wilson, businessman, confirming and/or adding new twists to the story and the Brookfield Myth was being cemented in our minds as fact.

Then the so-called deal was called off and the myth all unravelled when Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister, said that when the arrangement fell through was the first communication between Brookfield and his office.

Mind you, I do not agree that it was wrong for Mr Christie to allow the property

as collateral to assist with Dubai product either.

He was given a proposal at the time the world economy was booming, and nobody knew we would face a world recession in just a few months. And we must not forget we are dealing with private property here, not Crown Land.

This all leads me to the question that if the PLP and DNA would go to such great lengths to create the Brookfield Myth instead of debating the issue from a policy perspective, ie offer ideas and suggestions on what they would do if they were in the decision making seat, how can we take them seriously any longer?

A comment posted at www.weblogbahamas.com on this issue seems appropriate:

"I'm reminded of what a psychologist said about Al Qaeda after the 9/11 attacks; he called it the dwarf complex according to which some people look at great accomplishments, particularly monumental buildings and become obsessed and dwarfed by it.

"Their mission in life thus becomes to destroy it. It is sad but sometimes so true.

"So many people, so many families depend on the

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FLASHBACK to the front page of The Tribune breaking the news that the Brookfield deal for Atlantis had hit the rocks.

Atlantis for their survival that it is criminal to spread malicious rumours about it. Voltaire said it best: 'lie, lie, something will eventually

stick!' "What these people fail to understand is that in the end gossip has an unfortunate price; when the markets start

believing them, interest rates will go up and jobs will be cut."

What will it take for our politicians to debate issues with

solutions in mind instead of myth making? Surely this is possible in a country approaching four decades of self-rule?

## NASSAU INSTITUTE HEARS OF FRIEDMAN PRINCIPLES IN ECONOMY

**YOUR SAY**  
By RALPH J MASSEY

A DRAFT of the following was delivered at a Milton Friedman commemoration at the Nassau Institute on January 27.

Dr Milton Friedman's teaching career began at the University of Chicago in 1947 and ended in 1977 when he began a more public career as a Fellow at the Hoover Institution.

As a child of the Great Depression and as a Doctoral Candidate at Chicago in the mid-1950s, I was greatly impressed by his work on the role that money played in causing the severity of that depression.

One of his "first principles" was: "Inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon."

He began work on the subject in the late 1940s when he accepted a National Bureau of Economic Research invitation to participate in an inquiry into the role of money in the business cycle.

- That research led to the publication in 1963 of A Monetary History of the United States. Harry G Johnson, an economist and associate, described it in the Economic Journal as "a monumental scholarly achievement".

- Milton also examined inflation in China, the UK, Germany, Japan, Brazil, Chile and Israel where he found

with statistical certainty that accelerated monetary growth leads to subsequent accelerated price inflation.

Writing in 1991 in a book titled Money Mischief, he restated that principle plus four additional "truths":

1. Today, governments determine the quantity of money in circulation because they all have paper currencies that are no longer tied directly or indirectly to gold or silver...they are not exchangeable into gold or silver at a stated price.

2. The only cure for inflation in the market prices of goods and services is a slower growth in the quantity of money in circulation.

3. The first great problem in

dealing with consumer price inflation is that it takes time for an accelerating money supply to show up in the cost-of-living; and it produces initially the illusion that accelerated monetary growth is solving real problems;

4. The second problem is that it also takes time (measured in years, not months) for inflation to be cured; and this produces unpleasant side effects.

In this book in 1991, he expressed concern that the US had embarked on a policy of increasing monetary growth.

His "monetarism" was and is the polar opposite to the prevailing Keynesian economic policies of the times. He focused on the importance of monetary stability and, particularly, a commitment to a fixed target for monetary growth that slightly exceeds the annual growth in the production of goods and services.

When I was at Chicago, he recommended a target of three per cent per year when Gross Domestic Product was growing at two per cent per year. His expressed concerns in 1991 were justified by subsequent events.

- In 2003, both M2 and M3, two measures of the quantity of money in circulation, grew at five per cent per year.

- In 2006, M3, the broader more inclusive measure of money, started growing at 8 per cent per year as the housing bubble approached its zenith; and also the Federal Reserve stopped publishing the M3 data.

- In 2008, a non-government source estimated M3 growth at 17 per cent per year;

- In 2009, the Fed reported

an M2 growth at 17 per cent per year and, in 2011, 21 per cent.

These events create a serious dilemma - the juxtaposition of Milton Friedman's disciplined control of the money supply and the actual dizzying heights of M2.

This, plus the political impasse, can bring to mind an alarmist vision of "Germany between the Wars" or even today's hyper-inflation in Zimbabwe.

I must point out that no Government has literally followed the Friedman prescription for monetary stability even though his critics publicly agree on the basics. For instance, Ben Bernanke in 1997 stated that "Most economists agree that monetary policy can effect real output and employment only in the short run".

However, monetary systems differ, but only in the choice of monetary targets, the administrative latitude in management to those targets and the degree of public disclosure.

- Germany and Sweden for decades have followed a policy of targeting the rate of inflation. In the case of Germany "money growth targets are...consistent with an annual inflation target, given projections of the growth of potential output...This inflation target, in turn, has been brought steadily down over time and has remained at 2 per cent since 1986, the level that the Bundesbank deems consistent with its price stability target.

- New Zealand, another example, links by law "the tenure of the governor of the Reserve Bank to his achieving the inflation target...[it] comes

closest to providing an explicit 'incentive contract'."

Under Alan Greenspan from 1987 to 2006, the Fed was managed in virtually complete secrecy using an increase in money supply and bailouts to solve each and every crisis.

And Ben Bernanke before the 2008 recession exhibited poor judgement. For instance, "the derivatives" explosion, extreme leverage of regulated and shadow banks and excesses of mortgage lending were all flagrant abuses that both Mr Bernanke and Mr Greenspan could have said "no" to. But they did not.

As a result, a complex and unstable system veered dangerously out of control.

And he clearly misjudged the quality of the risk management systems operating within the banking and financial sector.

The problem is that the Fed is politically driven as in its statement supporting the President's re-election spending plans. The Fed would "maintain a highly accommodative stance for monetary policy" that includes a Fed funds rate at 0 to 1/4 per cent "at least through late 2014, and it expects "a subdued outlook for inflation over the medium term".

The broader problem is politics - the fatal flaw in republican democracies is that candidates win primarily via a popular vote. Nothing wrong with that, except that constituents do not stomach the consequences of loose lending very well and a solution to "bite the bullet".

In this case, the potential nasty consequence of loose money and its remedy have not been discussed.

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Billy Scavella  
General Manager  
The Bridge Authority

LOCAL NEWS

# PLP veteran: no surprise at accusation

from page one

election Sunday evening, the PM spoke on his rival's choice selection.

The MP for North Abaco said: "From some of the people that Perry is running again, we know that the scandals from day one, and that Christie will be too weak and too scared to stop the plundering and pillaging of the cookie jar just as he was last time around."

Mr Rigby conveyed that the did not think it was fair for "candidates to be branded as corrupt without the benefits of knowing the charges or the facts they are known to committed."

Nevertheless, he anticipates that the Mr Christie and the PLP will be asking the FNM's leader for evidence of the alleged corruption.

"They will be asking Mr Ingraham to produce the evi-

dence that they've been claiming to have."

"They second question they're going to ask is 'Why not hold a commission of inquiry into the working of these ministries where these candidates appeared to have been involved?'"

The former chairman did not say whether or not this statement would have an impact on his former party in the lead up to elections.

He did however say that Mr Ingraham and the FNM had a distinct advantage over Mr Christie and the PLP.

"It is clear based on the two public rallies or launches that Mr Ingraham has had, one in Freeport and the other in new Providence, that the FNM is framing the elections to two things."

"It's record" he said, "which includes the transformations of the city of Nassau and the management of the

country's economy during the global economic crisis."

"Then there is the issue of leadership along with corruption" the attorney added.

He said the FNM are framing the debate of elections well to the point where "voters will have to make a decision on who they will want to be the next government and the leader" based on these issues brought for debate, which is where the PLP haven't succeeded so far.

"I think the PLP has not done a very good job thus far in framing the issues for the elections. The PLP has to focus on asking the right questions for the Bahamian electorate to consider."

He gave examples of the 'right questions' like "Is the country on the right track? Do the people believe in shared prosperity?"

"It seems to me that the PLP has to be distinctly clear

in conveying their message to the public.

Also commenting on the PM's recent critique on a portion of Mr Christie's selection of candidates was former MP for Exuma, George Smith.

Although Mr Smith does not object to concerns being raised regarding corruption with regards to candidates, as he in fact said "I think it is right", he also contended that "you have to take the beam out of your own eye before taking the beam out of another."

"What's good for the goose is good for gander" he added.

Asked if the statement on corruption will have an impact on the PLP, Mr Smith

said this.

"In politics, evidence is not the yardstick that is used to determine truth at the end of the day. It's about what the people believe and their perceptions of who you are."

On the PLP's slate of candidate's, he said: "I'm very impressed by the candidates my party is putting forth. Nobody can deny the quality of candidates in that line up."

He contends that both sides have good parties have good candidates but also "there are some choices I don't agree with. As to the candidate's in my party, I've made my stance known on that publicly already."

Speaking on the candidates

Democratic National Alliance, he said "They have a few good candidates that have a good chance of winning. The ones running in Long Island and in South Abaco, Roscoe Thompson, good selection."

"Ultimately it's going to be a hard fought elections, definitely a nasty one."

"I expect an ungodly amount of money to be used by the FNM and the PLP claims they have the money to match that."

"But I think the parties FNM, PLP and DNA should be trying to impress the people by the richness of their ideas and logic rather than their pockets."

## CHRISTIE CLAIMS PM 'DESPERATE'

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people that Perry is running again, we know that the scandals from day one, and that Christie will be too weak and too scared to stop the plundering and pillaging of the cookie jar just as he was last time."

In response, Mr Christie said: "I want him to stand by that because I want the Bahamian people to look carefully at the candidates we are running and I want them to judge me by that, compare them one by one."

He said he has made every effort to insure that all his party's candidates understand the necessity of a commitment to integrity.

"This election is going to be about who can present the best team and the best message for the future of the country, it is not going to be about Hubert Ingraham," said Mr Christie.

At a time when the country is challenged with crime and unemployment and citizens are looking for hope, Mr Christie said he was amazed that Mr Ingraham spent only five minutes of a 45 minute speech on crime.

"You walked away from his speech knowing it was same old typical Hubert Ingraham speeches, where you are trying to denigrate people using the same clichéd negative campaigning," he said.



PERRY CHRISTIE pictured in Parliament recently. Photo: Felipe Major/Tribune Staff

## TRIAL DATE FOR WOMAN IN \$40,000 FRAUD CASE

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There are 30 witnesses expected to give evidence.

During yesterday's fixture hearing, prosecutor Darell Taylor asked Justice Jones for an early trial date, hoping February 24 was a convenient date for counsel and the judge to hear the three-week trial.

Ramona Farquharson-Seymour, defending, said she was ready to proceed with the case. When Justice Jones noted that the trial would commence next year, both sides did not agree with the date.

Ms Taylor asked if the case could be accommodated for an earlier date. However, the judge explained it could only happen unless the prosecution had a case that was "unlikely to proceed for whatever reason".

Mrs Farquharson-Seymour's submission was the matter had been before the courts for more than four years.

She said: "It was at the Magistrate's level. Then got a VBI and now it's before this court."

"Ms Walkine" she added, "has been out of work since that period. She cannot travel as her passport has been seized and she has no salary coming in whatsoever."

The defence lawyer requested that her passport be released to her.

Justice Jones granted the request and made the order for it to be released. However he informed them that their bail conditions remained as is.

Regarding the trial date, he affirmed it would proceed between March 18 and April 5, 2013. "But we may be able to find an earlier date upon your agreement with if the crown finds a case they will not be able to proceed with for what ever reason."

Uel Johnson is assisting prosecutor Ms Taylor. Dorice McPhee represents co-defendant Nixon.

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