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TOP POLICE OFFICER ALLEGES THAT TOWER AT PITON WAS SMUGGLED IN UNDER THE COVER OF RGPF



Frank Redhead – was second in command when the Tower came into the country

A high-ranking member of the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) is alleging that a programme involving foreign powers to install certain sensitive security devices on the island for law enforcement officials was illegally used to bring in a Communications Tower for a local private sector business.

The officer who spoke to **THE NEW TODAY** on condition that he was not identified said he had picked up information from certain officers within the Police Force who worked at the Communications unit about the plan that was masterminded by another top cop with experience in telecommunications.

He said the private sector compa-



Winston James – served as Police Commissioner in 2017



ACP Jessmon Prince – was part of the 5-member Police High Command



ACP Michael Francois – should be questioned about the Tower issue



ACP Trevor Modeste – was sitting in the High Command at the time

ny that is involved in the deal is believed to be the purchaser of the tower that came into the country in 2017 with RGPF listed as “the consignee”.

According to the source, those with knowledge of the deal formed the impression that it was a particular private sector company that purchased the tower and was allegedly assisted by one member of the police force in its importation.

He claimed that the tower came in under the cover of RGPF “as high security clearance” in the scheme that was orchestrated by a particular senior member of the force.

He said that due to the sensitive radar project involving foreign

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Missing court transcripts, British murder convict Alexander Clack walks free

After serving only 12 years of a 67-year jail sentence for the murder of his wife Nixiann Downes-Clack, 27, of Duquense, St. Mark, British national Alexander Robert Clack became a free man on Tuesday when the Court of Appeal declared a permanent stay in his appeal due to the unavailability of transcripts from the Supreme Court Registry to proceed with his appeal.

The decision was made by His Lordship, Justice Davidson Baptiste, the Acting Chief Justice, along with Her Ladyship, Madame Justice Margaret Price-Findlay, and His Lordship, Trevor Ward, when the matter came up before the Court of Appeal.

Court documents state that the conviction, and sentence be quashed, and a verdict of acquittal entered, or that the applicant's sentence is commuted to manslaughter, and the sentence reduced to time served.

Clack was charged with Non-Capital Murder for the June 17, 2014 death of his wife of four (4) years, and the mother of



Alexander Robert Clack - was released from prison on Tuesday after serving 12 years for the 2014 murder of his Grenadian wife

his daughter, who was dumped into a black suitcase, found buried in a shallow grave at Mt. Moritz, St. George's.

An autopsy report revealed that she died of blunt force trauma and asphyxiation by strangulation.

Clack, who had led police investigators to the spot where he had buried the body, was convicted, and sentenced two (2) years later in February 2016, in one of the toughest sentences to be handed down by Justice Paula

Gilford at the St. George's No. 1 High Court, upon the conclusion of his 3-month murder trial.

He was represented in the matter by Attorney Anslem Clouden who had expressed the view that the sentence was "usually high in terms of years," and proceeded to file an appeal.

Clouden told reporters on Tuesday that several status hearings were held since the appeal was filed in 2016 but the matter could not proceed as the Supreme



Senior Crown Counsel Howard Pinnock - had prosecuted the Nixiann Downes-Clack murder trial and successfully secured a murder conviction for the state

Court Registry was unable to provide the transcripts of Justice Gilford's summation of the case before the jury retired to deliberate on the verdict.

The lawyer told reporters that Supreme Court Registrar, Xiomara Forsyth, had informed the court that the "computer that had the recording was stolen."

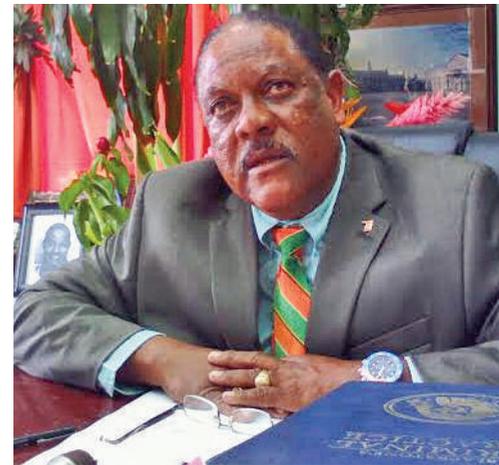
Clack had been in custody at the Richmond Hill Prison for 12 prison years, which is equivalent to eight (8) calendar years, six (6) of which

he awaited his appeal.

In the absence of the transcripts, the Court of Appeal could not decide as to whether the sentencing judge made an error or dealt with the matter properly, and turned down Senior Crown Counsel Howard Pinnock's request for a retrial.

The matter has been removed from the list as Clack, who has exercised his right to appeal cannot remain in prison indefinitely.

Commenting on this development in an



Leading defense attorney Anslem Clouden - the lawyer for the freed Briton

exclusive interview with **THE NEW TODAY** on Wednesday, the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) Christopher Nelson QC, acknowledged that this episode would "certainly would leave a bitter taste in the mouths of many."

"It is a failure that has serious implications, the immediate, and obvious is the fact that accused persons who have been convicted, and who are in a similar position could (also) be released from custody. That is a serious matter for us because the public needs to feel assured that when persons are convicted that the convictions can be confirmed, and they are made to serve their time (and) failures in the sys-

tem like this will affect that. I think that is the major consequence," he said.

Sources say there has been a longstanding issue at the Registry with court transcripts being prepared late, and in some cases, convicted persons would have even served their sentences before their transcript is ready.

However, this is the first time that the failure to provide a transcript of the trial in a murder case has resulted in a convicted person being released from custody.

Attempts made by **THE NEW TODAY** this week to contact the Supreme Court Registrar for comments on the issue proved futile.



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powers that was being executed around the same time “he (police officer) was able to do that – cover it (importation of the private communications tower).”

“He (police officer) did it illegally. It is deeper than what you’re thinking,” he remarked.

The high-ranking member of RGPF told **THE NEW TODAY** that he had picked up information which indicated that around 2017 the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC) was allegedly investigating the controversial tower issue but he did not know why the probe was stopped.

“The NTRC was investigating that too ... I don’t know why they stopped or how they stopped,” he said.

The then Public Utilities Minister Gregory Bowen was the line Minister for NTRC in 2017 with two other persons considered with close ties to the then ruling New National Party (NNP) administration – Dr. Linus Spencer Thomas and Lawrence Samuel – holding key positions at the Commission.

Dr. Spencer Thomas, the longstanding Chairman of NTRC, said he did not know of any investigation involving the so-called Police Tower at Piton and that it was not the commission but the Physical Planning Unit (PPU) that was responsible for giving permission for the erection of them on lands in the country.

The former NTRC head stated that the Grenada Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) would come into play if the importer of a tower was seeking concessions from the government.

THE NEW TODAY also contacted the owner of a local radio station whose name is being called in connection with the controversial tower at Piton but he declined to comment on the grounds that the police had interviewed him and was waiting on the outcome of their probe into the matter.

The senior member of RGPF called for a thorough investigation into the so-called Police Communications Tower issue to find out who was bringing in a tower at the time and was experiencing some difficulties.

“If there is controversy in the ownership of the tower in Piton or the one in Mt Sinai in Mardi Gras – then who owns those towers – is it government or private entities or is it the international agencies?

The police insider pointed out that there are other officers within RGPF especially those who worked at the Communications unit who know about the importation of the controversial tower and helped in bringing things related to it up to Piton in the St. Patrick East constituency.

He singled out the name of one police officer who is willing to become a whistleblower and “to give testimony” on the Communications Tower.

He suggested that “the technical people in the computer room” as well as those involved in clearing stuff at Customs on behalf of RGPF should be interviewed to get details on the importation of the controversial tower.

“(Name of police officer withheld) is the operator in the play – he needed the support and those persons who supported him to execute – they were not a part of it, they were just workers like Inspector (name withheld), Corporal (name withheld). They were suspicious of what was going down – so they run (name withheld) and they run (name withheld). They threw them out of the department – they transferred them,” he said.

“Every aspect of those things that take place (name of senior police officer) get a cut – he wouldn’t do it unless he gets a cut,” he added.

The high-ranking RGPF member also called for an investigation to be done on the importation of solar panels by those involved in the scheme to power up the transmitter.

“He (senior police officer) brought in more solar panels and he did business with it. Solar panels were put on his house. So there was some corruption in the solar panels that he brought in also,” he said.

There has been no official comment from the Office of the Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Dickon Mitchell on the issue but an aide said that he was aware of the situation.

He confided in **THE NEW TODAY** that the three month old Congress administration will definitely try to get to the bottom of the issue.

“If that is so, that is a very serious concern. If that is so then that is a big problem. How could a tower be brought in in the name of the police and the police don’t own it? The police should be the lawful and rightful



This photo was taken on top Piton where the tower is now located

owner if it is brought in, in the name of the police.” he said.

The aide indicated that the Police Force cannot operate outside of the rules that govern the Public Service, and Finance and Audit act.

“That is a very big problem. That period (NNP) rule is a really terrible period for this country – just too many things went wrong,” he said.

The aide warned that if any wrong doing was done on the Tower issue then “the consequences will have to be borne by somebody.”

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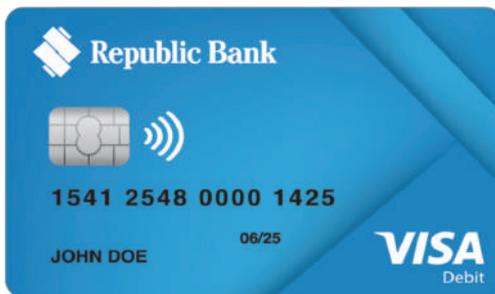
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EDITORIAL

The Piton Tower!!!

That controversial Transmission Tower brought in under the name of the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) should be thoroughly investigated by the new Minister of National Security who is the Prime Minister himself, Dickon Mitchell.

THE NEW TODAY is advocating strongly for the Prime Minister to look elsewhere to do a proper probe and not rely totally on the Police to investigate their own in this matter.

Information reaching us is that a whistleblower is prepared to "spill his guts" on a number of things that happened in the Communication and Computer section of RGPF in recent years under a particular officer once the condi-

tions are right.

The Prime Minister should create the necessary avenue for this individual to come forward and provide the information including the "Police Transmission Tower" issue as this might just be the opening up of the Pandora's Box when it comes to wrongdoing within the Police Force.

RGPF is not good at investigating itself especially when it comes to members of the hierarchy of the force. The most recent case is the so-called 3-member committee that was established by Police Commissioner Edvin Martin to investigate allegations from female police officers of sexual harassment and abuse

by their seniors who will punish them for not cooperating in the sex acts being demanded of them.

What has this committee found out? Has this committee interviewed any of the female officers who have complained against some of the seniors?

If the Commissioner of Police is serious then he should have already taken some kind of action against those Members of the High Command who were fingered as the culprits especially the one involved in the nude photos sent to police headquarters on Fort George by a female Traffic Warden inside the Traffic Department of the Grenville Police station.

THE NEW TODAY is doubtful that COP Martin will want to investigate this matter to the fullest because

he already knows who the culprit is and will most likely take every step to "hold it down" and not allow it to reach into the public domain.

The police hierarchy also did a nasty and dirty cover-up of the much-publicised case in which a Woman Police Constable wrote a letter to then Commissioner Winston James identifying three Superintendents for sexual molestation in which one of them actually raped her one night at a police compound in St John.

A lukewarm investigation took place by a Junior Superintendent of Police who did not have any authority to investigate other Superintendents who were senior in rank to him.

This is the same nonsense that the current Commissioner of Police is engaged with in the

so-called committee that was set up to look into the allegations of sexual misconduct by senior police officers against the young females in the force.

Martin appointed a senior female officer in the force to be on the committee when he ought to know that this officer cannot interview any of her superiors whose names have been called as culprits in the act against the female officers.

If Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell does not act swiftly the police might well be allowed to once again pull wools over our eyes on the Police Transmission Tower at Piton in the St Patrick East constituency.

The individual in the Police Force whose name is called the most is known to be one who is not above board when it comes to his activities as a member

of the law enforcement agency.

An independent investigation is needed to look into the whole spectrum of this issue including the entire use of the Tower especially if private sector concerns are involved.

The information seems to suggest that the tower was not paid for by the police, as well as the freight, and the tower is being used by several communication entities other than the police.

Answers are needed to several questions:-

(a) Who authorised the procurement of the tower?

(b) If the police do not own the tower, who does and why was it procured on the RGPF name as consignee?

(c) Who paid for the tower? Who paid the freight?

(d) Is there a contract giving authority for other communication companies on the island to use the tower?

(e) If so, who are they paying for use of the tower and how much?

(f) Who is paying to keep the tower active?

(g) Is the government of Grenada paying

huge sums of money to keep the tower in service?

The people of Grenada, Carriacou & Petite Martinique also have a right to know whether the Police were using this Communication Tower at Piton under the previous Keith Mitchell-led government to spy on them.

A foreign newspaper had carried a report two years ago about a fugitive from justice in Germany who had engaged in some kind of discussion with a senior member of the Mitchell government about the acquisition of espionage equipment after the NNP was voted back into office in 2013.

The police officer whose name is called in the Communications Tower issue has had a checkered career as a member of RGPF including a conviction for fraud and is known to be aligned to the Keith Mitchell-led outfit.

Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell in his capacity as Minister of National Security has a duty and responsibility to get at the bottom of this Communication Tower issue especially as the previous government had a deficit when it comes to accountability, transparency and believability.

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Unvaccinated workers of SGU!!!

It has been over one year now since the workers of SGU have been sent home or denied entrance to the workplace because of their choice not to be vaccinated.

The Covid-19 pandemic began over 2 years ago and the world was thrown between a rock and a hard place, affecting all walks of life.

One can understand that SGU and other workplaces had to make hard decisions in the beginning of the pandemic, navigating the best and safest way forward - some of those decisions resulted in some workers being forced into early retirement, resignations, firing and just being sent home.

They were NOT fired but also not receiving any income whatsoever and in some instances denied even earning contractual annual holidays.

Some SGU workers were told if they were not vaccinated by a certain time, they would not be getting holiday pay or even days off, even workers who were already on holiday were told in order to continue holidaying they would need to be vaccinated.

Now let's fast forward to the present where the circumstances have changed, Covid-19 is no longer new and did not affect only SGU management and owners alone - it affected all workers too, so one will expect any decision being made to at least consider the workers too, and meeting them halfway.

But that did not happen and some will view the decisions by SGU as authoritarian, bullying, uncompassionate, heartless and not grounded in science and public health safety.

With that being said, I think the parties involved, union, SGU and the Government should go back to the drawing board, seeing that the science has completely changed, one can now argue that the vaccine doesn't provide public protection, it merely provides some level of individual protection and in some instances NO protection.

FYI the President of the USA had 4 shots and still contracted the virus. Based on the Covid-19 dashboard of Grenada, vaccination has been at 38 percent for a very long time, GRENADA has just been through general elections and carnival celebrations with mass gathering and



a very large influx of visitors from all over the world with NO protocols being adhered to.

NO masque wearing, NO social distancing, no contact tracking and No vaccine and with all that surprisingly Covid-19 is on a low.

So how is it safe or ok for people to gather in election rallies and carnival celebrations by the thousands, even hundreds with the same SGU students and workers in the mix of mass gathering in an uncontrollable environment?

Why is it safe or ok for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people to sleep, wake, bathe, eat, party, travel and play together but it is not ok for them to work together - where is the science behind this?

Now explain to me how it is NOT safe or ok for a few workers to return to work unvaccinated, working among considerably less people than an election rally or carnival celebrations?

The science presently clearly states that the vaccinated can easily infect both unvaccinated and vaccinated carrying the same or even more virus load that clearly shows the vaccine DOESN'T provide public protection and should not be mandated and made a condition for work.

The basis that SGU used to make their decision requiring vaccines is no longer holding and not backed by science.

Why isn't the unvaccinated worker of SGU given options or conditions to return to work, for example wearing of personal protection masks, gloves etc., periodically testing and left to work, knowing the vaccine doesn't stop the spread of Covid 19?

Why is the only option given to the workers to be vaccinated or NO work? Is that the institute that prides itself on building and shaping the minds of the future creating the foundations of families? If then, why is it ok for them to destroy the lives of families and generations of these workers?

Please Mr. PM, please Mr. UNION, please Mr. SGU help the workers!!!

SGU Watchman

GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA

SOUTHERN ST. GEORGE WATER SUPPLY EXPANSION PROJECT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY LIASON OFFICER

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUALS)

The Government of Grenada (GOGR) has applied for financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US\$17 million towards the cost of the Southern St. George Water Supply Expansion Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOGR and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOGR shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA), the Executing Agency, now wishes to procure consultancy services for a Community Liaison Officer. The objective of the consultancy is to promote constructive partnerships and communication between NAWASA and the communities and stakeholders on issues and opportunities relating to project implementation and to be responsible for implementing stakeholder/community engagement activities through tools such as a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, a Public Information Communication and Education Programme and a Grievance Redress Mechanism. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of 36 months, commencing October 2022.

NAWASA now invites interested eligible **individual consultants** to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualifications and experience required to provide these consultancy services.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
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Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 5.15 and 5.17 of Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (2019), setting forth CDB's policy on conflict of interest for the selection of consultants.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments. Applicants must have a strong client-orientation and inter-personal skills with proven ability to work cooperatively with diverse groups and stakeholders and should possess the following minimum qualifications and experience:

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- A minimum of ten years' relevant experience encompassing stakeholder engagement practice, gender-responsive approaches, community development practices, and social research using participatory research methods and approaches.
- Sound knowledge of communication, education and information strategies for public awareness campaign development and implementation.
- Ability to transfer knowledge and skills and experience of developing capacity development plans.
- Fluency in English and proficient computer skills and good written and oral communication skills.
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Expressions of Interest must be submitted in English electronically by email in pdf format to projects@nawasa.gd no later than 2:00 pm, local time on **Tuesday 27th September 2022**. The email subject line should state "**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Community Liaison Officer**" and the email body must state the name and address of the applicant. The Expression of Interest will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by the Manager of the Planning and Development Unit, Mr. Whyne Cox. The burden of proving receipt of the e-mail will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the applicant's computer. In addition, one copy must be submitted simultaneously by email to CDB to procurement@caribank.org, again with the email subject line stating "**Expression of Interest – Consultancy Services for Community Liaison Officer**" and the email body stating the name and address of the applicant.

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. GOGR reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not engaging the services of any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

Further information may be obtained from the first address below between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm local time Monday to Friday.

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Address 2:

Procurement Officer
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Fire hits Grenlec engine at SGU

THE NEW TODAY has received credible reports that a fire broke out at a generating power engine set owned by Grenlec at the St George's University (SGU) at True Blue in the south of the island.

According to well-placed sources, the electricity company has three engines stationed at SGU and one of them is now out of commission due to the fire which took place around Friday.

A source familiar with the issue said that the three sets were placed at the university to serve as standby to service SGU in case of a major power outage in the area.

However, he stated that whenever the situation becomes critical, Grenlec will then put them on line to generate electricity as they are tied to the Grid.

He said that it could be an accident and not a deliberate act of sabotage to affect the engine that is now down and out of use.

The official pointed out that these small Caterpillar engines which have been out-putting about 1.4 megawatts of electricity have been running constantly without stopping, following the breakdown of Grenlec's major generating set that was purchased within the past year by the previous Keith Mitchell-led administration.

"They have been running – getting little rest (and) back on and things," he said.

A team from the supplier of the major engine at Grenlec's power plant at Queen's Park has just left the island after flying into Grenada to help sort out the problem that was causing it

to constantly trip.

"The engine is running right now," said the source who added that ever so often the generating set "does trip off and so on."

In recent months, Grenlec has been hit by financial woes and unable to find the funds to settle a pre-election agreement with the Technical & Allied Workers Union (TAWU) to provide for salary increases and improved fringe benefits to its estimated 160 employees.

The company had taken the decision to approach the government for permission to enter into a 15 million dollar loan with a local financial institution to help it take care of its financial troubles.

The newly installed Dickon Mitchell-led Congress administration took the decision a week ago to scrap a



The internationally-acclaimed St. George's University is located in the south of the island

25% discount on non-fuel charges on electricity bills of consumers that was enforced by the former Keith Mitchell government in order to help out Grenlec with its financial situation.

Case Number :GDAHBP2022/0306

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Dated this 31st day of August 2022

Filed by:

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

GRENADA:

GDAHBP2022/0313

IN THE ESTATE OF CLARE MONICA HENRY (DECEASED)
LATE OF CHANTIMELLE, ST. PATRICK

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Grenlaw Chambers, Anselm Clouden Office, Lucas Street, St. George's for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant Claudette Frame who is the daughter of the deceased, Clare Monica Henry, she having died intestate on the 29th day of November, 2021.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice

Dated the 7th day of September, 2022

Anselm B. Clouden
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant

The Registry is at Church Street, St. George's, Tel. No. (473)-440-0870/203. The office is open between 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Mondays to Thursdays and 9.00 am to 3.00 pm on Fridays except Public Holidays.

This Notice is filed by Grenlaw Chambers, Anselm Clouden Office, Attorneys-at-Law, Lucas Street, St. George's, Grenada, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant. Telephone:(473) 440-1825, Fax: (473) 440-4497, Email:grenlaw.gd@gmail.com

THE MUSIC....THE MAGIC... THE MOMENTS!!!

A few years back, I began listening to this group. I followed them keenly and year after year ever since their birth in 2018, I became intrigued and captivated by the clever way the lyrics were crafted and the catchy rhythm that emanated from the various instruments. I therefore decided to venture up to Carriacou with the intention to hopefully get a glimpse of the group in action.

Upon arrival, I contacted the Manager of the group. Miss Rina Mills. Let me assure you, this young lady is a JOY TO BEHOLD!! Beauty in motion, with a pleasant smile and so PROFESSIONAL!! She welcomed us (myself and friend) as though we were long lost relatives.

Understanding that we were visiting, she hastened to round up other

members of the Band so we could be introduced. We met Bassie, ever the one to keep you laughing with his ready satire. We met Zerina, lead singer and the BABY of the group. Not to mention the tall handsome guy with the elegant fingers that plucked the strings on his instrument.

From the very first night we were given red carpet treatment. We were escorted to join the band to get a taste of what the Parang Train was all about. I tell you, that was a once in a lifetime experience.

Jamming to the pulsating rhythm of the string band music with the combined efforts of the efficient drummer and the guitar man along with all the other instruments being played so expertly we went uphill and down dale, hither

thither and yon, joining in with much enthusiasm to the catchy chorus of 'follow de band'. Not to mention the food and drinks, ham and cake and wine we were so generously treated to.

From the lighting of the Christmas tree event to serenading the various homes, night after night we were included into the fold and it was a joy and a pleasure to behold the way this talented group brought alive the TRUE spirit of Christmas. The love was so genuine and tangible, you could almost FEEL it!! My conclusion? This is not just a group! This is friends, family a reminder of what Christmas should be all about.

Another thing I was impressed with. Despite even the melee Parang they sang, there was

NOTHING smutty about the lyrical content. It was FAMILY FRIENDLY!! I am of the sincere humble opinion that this group has not been given the recognition and appreciation it so RICHLY deserves.

I want to urge the entire tri- island state, Christmas time is fast approaching. In addition to painting, decorating and all the other things we take pleasure in doing around this time, please include a visit to experience the CARRIACOU CULTURE TRAIN STRING BAND GROUP in action. It will be a decision well worth the time and effort.

I intend to lead by example. When December and Christmas come around, do NOT expect to find me here on Mainland Grenada. I will be on the Osprey on my merry way to 'follow de band.'

RINA MILLS, you and your Group take a RICHLY deserved bow!!

Fans for life

Blatant Robbery!!!

Please allow me space in your paper to appeal to the powers-that-be to do a full and thorough investigation into the workings of the National Lotteries Authority.

The NLA has become an agent for blatant robbery of Grenadians. Yes, many people will say no one makes you play the games but as their slogan goes, "You have to be in it to win it".

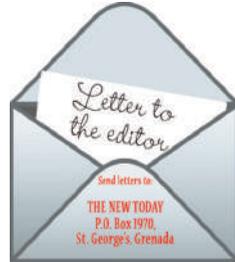
Many people from the poorest to the richest play the games offered by the NLA and the NLA are just downright playing games with the citizens of Grenada.

They have no conscience, for example many of the current playway numbers

haven't been played for over two (2) months, Blackbird (13) more than 100 days. Who is checking the balls in their machine as well as the machines themselves to make sure that the game is not rigged in their favour.

Why do they only put out recordings of the draws and not show the draw live? How do we know that the random number generator is not rigged? It is not only playway, all of the lottery games need to be investigated, and their machinery needs to be inspected.

How many times can it be that you just miss a number by 1? They are doing way too much and the thievery is so blatant that I cannot



imagine why the Gaming Commission is not doing their job and opening an investigation into the day to day running of this entity.

I am appealing to the persons in authority to please take a long hard look at the NLA and its management.

If they cannot play the game fair then they should not be licensed to run games in Grenada. Shut them down if they cannot be honest and transparent or if not, at least let someone honest and trustworthy run the show like Uncle Waggy-T.

Concerned Citizen

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)**

GRENADA:

GDAHCB2022/318

**IN THE ESTATE OF ANGUS FRANCIS
(also known as Bernard Angus Francis) LATE OF
CALLISTE IN THE PARISH OF ST. GEORGE, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Grenlaw Chambers, Anselm Clouden Office, Lucas Street, St. George's for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant Mary Alexandrina Mark who is the sister of the deceased, Angus Francis (Bernard Angus Francis), he having died intestate on the 10th day of August, 2022.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice

Dated the 13th day of September, 2022

Anselm B. Clouden
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (CIVIL)**

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GRENADA
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BETWEEN

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT 22 of 2016
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF
POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND**

GLORIA EMMANUEL APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas Gloria Emmanuel of Beaulieu in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, but currently residing in the United States of America, a retired nurse, by her application filed in the High Court on the 28th day of May, 2022 claims to have acquired title over twenty (20) years by adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of the Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

THE SCHEDULE

All that lot piece or parcel of land situate at Beaulieu in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement One Acre Three Roods and Twenty Poles (1 Ac. 3 Rds. 20 Pls). English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded as the same is delineated and described in the plan or diagram thereof surveyed by Denis Thomas Licence Surveyor on the 14th day of January, 1999 bounded by one side by the St. John's River, on the other side by Estate of the late Limex La Barrie and the remaining side by the Public By-Way

The Court office is at Church Street, St. George's Grenada; Telephone number 440-2030, Fax 440-6695. The office is open between 8.00 a. m and 4.00p.m Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

New GOC boss as Veda Bruno-Victor loses her stranglehold

The anti-Veda Bruno-Victor forces within the Grenada Olympic Committee (GOC) has been bolstered with Saturday's election of former Olympic boxer Bunny Wilson as President of the sporting organisation.

A source close to the body told **THE NEW TODAY** that Wilson is definitely not an ally of the controversial but powerful and long-standing General Secretary Bruno-Victor and is expected to help in the clean-up of the organisation.

"No, no, no way," said a GOC executive member as he confirmed that the new



Veda Bruno-Victor is losing her grip on the local sporting body

President is not in the corner of the General Secretary.

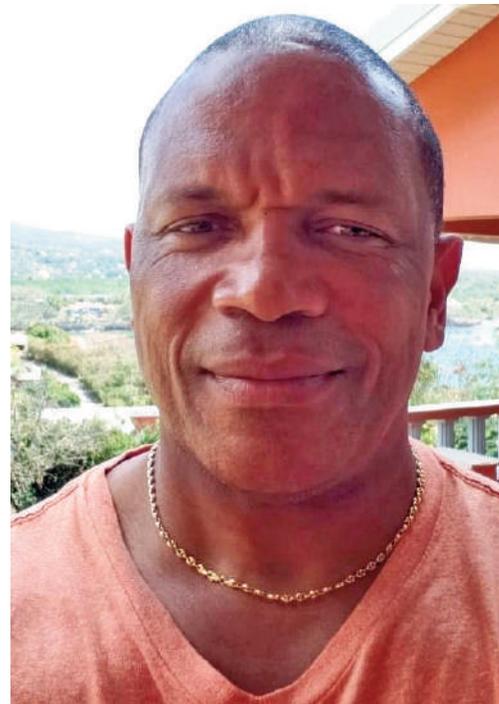
Bruno-Victor along with the retired Royston La Hee who stood at the helm of the local Olympic organisation for 38 years have been the dominant faces on the body for over three decades.

The GOC has been rocked by a major financial scandal over its failure to account for an estimated EC\$440,000.00 given to it for the development of sports on the island by Olympic Solidarity (OS), an arm of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

A damning report prepared by an internal committee, headed by GOC executive member Ralph Lord found massive irregularities in the use of the funds with fingers pointing heavily in the direction of the General Secretary.

GOC has failed to meet OS demands to account for the funds and was told that failing to do so would result in it having to repay the money.

According to a key member of the local executive, a lot of corporate sponsors in Grenada have turned down requests from GOC for financial sup-



Bunny Wilson – is the new GOC boss

port in light of the OS money issue.

He said that this issue has become "a big stain" on the sporting organisation as it continues to remain unresolved.

He stated that GOC is also having difficulties in "commanding respect" after the OS financial debacle became public.

The official believes that Bruno-Victor should step down from office despite her recent re-election as "her remaining there is just damaging Grenada's credibility and potential."

"I don't know how they are going to go forward," he remarked, adding that, "...I am positive that Bunny (Wilson) wants to deal with that (messy situation)."

The executive member also questioned the failure of GOC to evoke its Disciplinary Committee to deal with those who have been implicated in the OS financial scandal and take decisive decisions against all those who are culpable.

The anti-Bruno-Victor forces on GOC have acknowledged that one of her strengths centers on her ability to "place people in positions" to serve her needs.

THE NEW TODAY understands that the last executive meeting of GOC was very contentious and the acting President Chenny Joseph eventually walked out of the session.

An insider said that executive member Ralph Lord who was considered an ally of Joseph became suspicious that he was leaning towards Bruno-Victor in recent times and took a turn at him during the meeting and the acting President walked out and the

meeting came to an abrupt end.

Joseph, the 1st Vice-President was acting as GOC President when Charlie George, considered as part of the Bruno-Victor faction on the committee stepped down after months in office, complaining of not getting the co-operation of other executive members.

The GOC insider said that the organisation was forced to hold early election for the Presidency as it was unwise to have an Acting President to run the organisation for almost four years to carry out the remainder of George's term in office.

He said that the last executive meeting was very contentious with the General Secretary pushing for the election process to be conducted along the previous line of persons submitting their intention to run for the top position.

He spoke of several persons holding the view that this was not necessary and candidates should be allowed to be nominated from the floor on Election Day.

"She is fighting for survival still," said the source of Bruno-Victor and her ambition to influence the electoral process to get one of her allies to be elected to the Presidency.

According to the insider, there were a lot of arguments at the last executive meeting with some wanting to postpone the election but it was held and Wilson was the only candidate and Joseph did not turn up on Election Day.

Joseph was also defeated weeks earlier for the Presidency of the Grenada Football Association (GFA) that he had led for over a decade.

NOTICE SYSTEM CONVERSION

Republic Bank is pleased to inform customers of Republic House, Melville Street, Grenville, Gouyave, Sauteurs and Carriacou branches that these branches will undergo a system conversion on **November 1, 2022.**

Here are the changes that will affect these customers:

- New Account Number
- New International Debit Card to replace ATM/OneCard
- New RepublicOnline platform
- New cheque books will be issued
- ATM Upgrade

Please take a note of the conversion date, and feel free to come in, call 1-473-440-4725 (4RBL) or email conversion@rfhl.com if you have questions or concerns.

Don McKenzie is acting Commissioner of Police

A week after being elevated to the post of Deputy Commissioner of Police, Don McKenzie is currently acting as Commissioner of Police in the absence of the island's chief cop, Edvin Martin.

A police insider told **THE NEW TODAY** that McKenzie was given the nod by the Public Service Commission (PSC) over the other Deputy Commissioner of Police, Tafawa Pierre who is known to be closely aligned to the former New National Party (NNP) regime of former Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell.

McKenzie was not favoured by defeated Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell who took him out of the mainstream of the police force to serve stints at the Richmond Hill prison as Commissioner and then on the St George's port. New Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell has



Don McKenzie – gets the nod as the defacto Number Two in RGPF

come in for some criticisms from supporters of the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) for keeping

Pierre, the Number Two man in the position in light of the fact that he is the husband of former Education Minister

Emmalin Pierre. According to the police insider, the decision to put McKenzie to act as Commissioner of Police in the absence of Martin who is on assignment in Trinidad & Tobago for a week is a clear sign about the thinking of Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Dickon Mitchell on the way forward for the local police force.

He said that the overlooking of Pierre and giving the task to the newly appointed McKenzie will get a lot of support from officers within RGPF who want to see Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell effect more significant changes within the leadership of the force.

"It will go down well – the general feeling of a majority of the members is that they don't want Tafawa Pierre around – they don't want him around at all

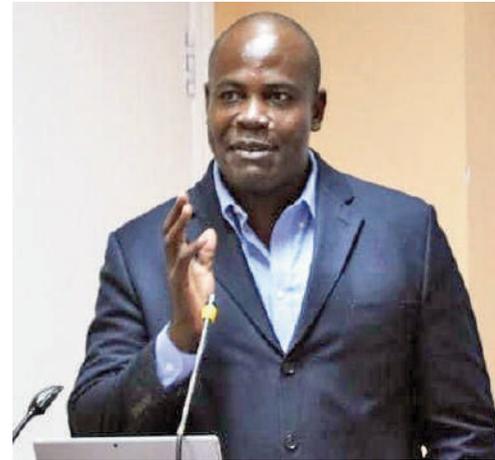
and they believe that he is too involved in what's going on in the force given who he is," he remarked.

"I think the general feeling is that they accept McKenzie as acting as Commissioner in the absence of Martin," said the insider who is a senior member of RGPF.

Some top NDC supporters have confided in **THE NEW TODAY** that there is need for widespread changes in the leadership of the police force given the manner in which it operated under the regime of former Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell.

One influential government insider favours the new Congress government making an approach to the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPFF) to recruit a new Police Commissioner to help in the rebranding of the image of RGPF.

The defeated Keith



Deputy Commissioner of Police Tafawa Pierre – is overlooked for the job of Acting Commissioner of Police

Mitchell is known to have kept a special squad of police officers to provide security for him in his tenure in office.

He paid out over \$200,000.00 to these officers who were not allowed to take holiday but to stay

on the job and guard him in office.

Under attack for the large pay-out, Dr. Keith Mitchell responded by saying that he could not allow anyone else to guard his life but members of this elite squad.

Case Number :GDAHCV2022/0356



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
GRENADA
CLAIM NO. GDA HCV 2022/0356

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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT
NO. 22 OF 2016
AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION
OF POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND

DAVE BOTAS also called TERRY BOTAS APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE - NOTICE

WHEREAS DAVE BOTAS also called TERRY BOTAS of La Mode in the parish of Saint George and State of Grenada by his application filed in the High Court on the 19th day of ~~September~~ 2022 claims to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a Declaration of Possessory Title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

1. ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land together with a building thereon situate at La Mode in the parish of Saint George and State of Grenada containing by admeasurement **Three Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-four Square Feet (3,294 sq. ft.)** and bounded as follows: on one side by lands of Cynthia Botas, on another side by lands of Lennox Purcell, on another side by an Allowed Road on the fourth or remaining side by the La Mode public road as shown on the plan marked "B" drawn by Licensed Land Surveyor Guy Alexander on the 12th day of May 2022 and filed with the application.

Dated this 19th day of September 2022


REGISTRAR

This Notice is filed by Duncan Ph...
Court Grenada

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

GRENADA:

GDAHBP2022/0312

IN THE ESTATE OF CLAUDINE JOAN NECKLES LATE OF
WOODLANDS IN THE PARISH OF ST. GEORGE, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Grenlaw Chambers of Lucas Street, St. George's for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant Mr. Martin Ishmael Antoine (the lawful attorney for Margaret Sheila Antoine) who is the sister of the deceased, Claudine Joan Neckles, she having died intestate on the 26th day of September, 202 at Woodlands in the parish of Saint George.

Any person having an objection to the Application for Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 31st day of August, 2022

Sandina G. Date
Attorney-at-Law for the Administrator

The Registry is at Church Street, St. George's, Tel. No. 1473-4400870/203. The office is open between 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Mondays to Thursdays and 9.00 am to 3.00 pm on Fridays except Public Holidays.

This Notice is filed by Grenlaw Chambers, Anselm Clouden Office, Attorneys-at-Law, Lucas Street, St. George's, Grenada, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant. Telephone (473) 440-1825, Fax: (473) 440-4497, Email: grenlaw.gd@gmail.com

GFA was on the verge of bankruptcy

The Grenada Football Association (GFA) was in serious financial difficulties at the time of change of leadership three months ago.

According to a well-placed source, the new President Marlon Glean inherited a situation in which staffers could not have been paid on time for the first two months after the poll was conducted.

He told **THE NEW TODAY** that some service providers who did work for the local sporting body were only paid six weeks later "for the simple reason that they (GFA) did not have money."

He said that the local Football Association had to take a loan of EC\$500, 000.00 from FIFA, the world governing body for the sports, and treat it as an advance on the annual subsidy received from the parent body.



Marlon Glean – the new head of GFA

"GFA coffers were empty – the staffers didn't get paid for nearly two months," he

added. The source disclosed that Glean is thinking of launching an investi-

gation into alleged misappropriation of GFA funds.

He also spoke of quick action taken by the new football boss to distribute a number of football gears that were in a container in the yard of the GFA headquarters building at Queen's Park, St George for a considerable period of time.

He charged that the container had enough gears "to give out to all the grassroots divisions of GFA" for an entire competition.

"As soon as Glean took over he had a grassroots programme in all the parishes and he gave out all the gears – footballs, bags," he said.

The insider stated that Glean took the position that FIFA sent the items as a gift to GFA and that "it should not be left lying around in a container."

Glean, a former FIFA Regional Manager and

Attorney at Law, won the GFA Presidency on June 11 by 13 votes to 8 against the incumbent, Cheney Joseph.

It was a bitter fight between the two who had rival camps campaigning for months prior to the election which was presided over by former Supervisor of Elections, Victor Ashby.

The Glean camp won most of the positions on the GFA executive in an almost clean sweep with the exception being Randy Campbell, former Parish Director now, second Vice President.

Following is the newlook GFA Executive:-

* President: Marlon Glean

* 1st Vice President: Carl Andall

* 2nd Vice President:



Cheney Joseph – lost the top job as some of his allies abandoned him for the new boss

Randy Campbell

Mark: Arco Mark

* Parish Director for St Andrew: Ricky Aberdeen

* Parish Director for St John: Rolly Duncan

* Parish Director for St Patrick: Ricky Williams

* Parish Director for St George: Lyndon Bubb

* Parish Director for St David: Ken Martin Whiteman

* Carriacou and Petite Martinique: Duane Williams

* Parish Director for St

* Female Member: Cazirah Thomas

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (CIVIL)

GRENADA:

CLAIM NO. GDAHCV2022/

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT 2016

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND

MARGARET LERLIN CHARLES

(Administratrix of the estate of Imelda Evelyn Andrews)

APPLICANT

Whereas MARGARET LERLIN CHARLES of Bocage in the parish of Saint David in Grenada, by her application filed in the High Court on 25th day of August 2022 claim to have acquired title by twelve years' adverse possession of the land described in the schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all person claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

All that lot piece or parcel of land situate at Bocage in the parish of Saint David in Grenada containing by admeasurement Nineteen Thousand Square Feet 19,000 Sq. Ft.). The land is bounded on its many sides by lands of Nathaniel Cruickshank, on two sides lands of C. Francis and an 8 Ft. Allowed Road as shown on the plan drawn by Andrew Alleyne, Licensed Land Surveyor dated the 14th and 15th days of October 1992

Registrar

SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA

FOR SALE BY MORTGAGEE UNDER ITS POWER OF SALE

There will be offered for sale BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the Chambers of Renwick & Payne, Lucas Street, St. George's on **Friday 11th November 2022** at 12:00 noon the following lot mortgaged to Grenada Development Bank on 26th day of September 2017 and recorded in the Deeds and Land Registry of Grenada in Liber 20-2017 at page 461

A lot of land **TOGETHER** with a two-storey building and a single-storey building thereon situate at **TEMPE, INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, ST. GEORGE**, measuring 9,200 Square Feet and described in a plan marked "M" annexed to an Indenture of Conveyance made the 19th day of June 1989 between Eileen Radix of the one part and Hurley Marryshow of the other part and recorded in the Deeds and Land Registry of Grenada in Liber 214 at page 787

The upper floor of the two-storey building covers an area of 1,400 Square feet contains three bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, dining and living rooms, with verandahs.

The ground floor of the two-storey building covers an area of 1,338 Square Feet with a two-bedroom apartment, office and storage area.

The single-storey building covers an area of 336 square feet with a one-bedroom apartment.

As one travels along Marrast Hill from Government roundabout take the first road on your left. Continue along this road towards San Souci and then take the second road on the right. Immediately after the first structure on the left, there is a road on the left, that being Hillside Lane. Take this road and continue along, as the road curves to the right, the property is the last on the left side of the road.

The lot is triangular in shape but relatively flat, is situate close to local amenities including schools and benefits from the availability of electricity and telephone.

REDUCED RESERVE PRICE \$661,500.00

Renwick & Payne Solicitors for Grenada Development Bank

REPORT ON WRONG-DOING AT MNIB

The long-awaited Marketing & National Importing Board (MNIB) investigation report from the Integrity Commission is now in the public domain.

The probe was started following a series of reports carried by THE NEW TODAY highlighting a number of questionable financial dealings involving its former Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ruel Edwards including the use of funds to purchase expensive first class tickets on travel mainly to

This inquiry/investigation into the management and operations of the Marketing and National Importing Board (MNIB) by the Office of the Integrity Commission herein after referred to as "Commission" covers the period 2012-2018.

On August 2, 2018, following media reports in a local newspaper; namely, "THE NEW TODAY" published on June 29, and July 30, 2018, and captioned "Samuel Andrew removed as Head of MNIB" and "Samuel Andrew exposes Ruel Edwards on financial mess at MNIB" respectively, the Commission commenced its inquiry/investigation.

The MNIB is a state Trading Enterprise, established by an Act of Parliament, Marketing Board Act No. 40 of 1973 (The Act). The Marketing and National Importing Board is engaged in the marketing and trading of agricultural products.

Its mandate was extended to include the importation and distribution of 'specified imports' (in accordance with section 13 (e) of the MINIB Act).

The MNIB inquiry/investigation sought to determine the following:

i. Whether there were breaches of the "MNIB" Act No. 40 of 1973 Sections 13 (a) to (e), 14, 15, 18, 20, 22, 22A,

Miami in the United States. Edwards was also fingered as the person who purchased a vehicle from the MNIB fleet in questionable circumstances.

Although he did not appear before the probe following requests, Edwards had hired former Attorney General Cajeton Hood to block the investigation until certain conditions were met.

Following are highlights from the report:-



Anande Trotman Joseph is the current head of the Integrity Commission

22B, 22C, 23 and any other relevant sections.

ii. Whether there was proper oversight and management by MNIB's line Ministries subject to the provisions of the MNIB Act and all other applicable legislation.

iii. Whether there was proper oversight and management by the MNIB's Board of Directors and Senior Management subject to the provisions of the MNIB Act and all other applicable legislation.

iv. Whether there were Conflicts of Interest with respect to roles and responsibilities of all past and present accounting, accountable officers and management thereof.

v. Whether there was nonpayment/delayed payment to farmers who supplied produce to the MNIB.

vi. Whether the Board of Directors was in breach of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Property Act No. 39 of 2014 Section 55 (4) (a) (b) (c), (5) and (6).

vii. Whether there were actions or activities, in relation to the MNIB which may be considered dishonest or conducive to corruption.

viii. Whether the practices and procedures of the MNIB were conducted in accordance with section 12 (1) (f), and (B) to ver-

fy or determine the accuracy of any declaration(s) Pursuant to 12 (1)(c) of the Integrity in Public Life Act No. 24 of 2013 (IPLA).

ix. What were the causes and circumstances of the fires at the MNIB, River Road building location between the dates of January 23 and 24, 2018, and January 27, 2018?

Methodology and Limitations

I. The Commission determined its jurisdiction which is to ensure integrity in public life and to give effect to the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption, of which Grenada is a signatory. It is also mandated to examine complaints and to conduct investigations.

II. The Commission engaged its relevant

stakeholders in accordance with section 12 (2) (b) of the IPLA.

III. The Commission employed the qualitative and quantitative methods of research, based on its inquiry /investigation Protocol and the Terms of Reference for this inquiry/ investigation.

IV. The Terms of Reference allowed the inquiry/investigation to discover the status of the operations of the MNIB and to ascertain and corroborate information provided from various sources.

V. Some limitations were experienced in regard to the state of requisite documents, the non-appearance of key persons at interviews, the lateness in response to requests for information and the filing of a Court injunction against the Commission.

Summary of Findings

Outlined below are some of the main findings following the determination and review of issues identified during the inquiry/ investigation:

I. The inquiry/investigation found that although the Board Minutes and Reports of the MNIB seem to suggest there was active discussion and planning around improvements aimed at benefiting the producers/farmers, the farmers nevertheless generally felt disenfranchised and dissatisfied.

II. The inquiry/investigation found that although the MNIB occasionally provided farmers with seeds, fertilisers and insecticides, this was not on a consistent basis.

III. The Board Minutes similarly revealed discussions on the imple-

mentation of a Farmers' Desk with a Hotline, but the inquiry/investigation found no evidence of implementation of same.

IV. The inquiry/investigation found stark variance between the information contained in the Board Minutes and the sentiments expressed by the farmers. The Board Minutes, indicated that there were discussions around paying greater attention to the grading of products in order to reduce spoilage, however, the inquiry/investigation did not find evidence of the implementation of any strategy to address spoilage in general, save and except a Standard of Soursop document dated sometime in 2015.

V. The inquiry/investigation did not find any evidence indicating that the MNIB acted as commission agent for the disposal of produce, paid dividends to farmers or traded and dealt with food for livestock.

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GRENADA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (GRENCODA)

Notice of request for bid of Firms or consultants to **conduct comprehensive training activities with ten (10) Coral Gardeners** along the coastal areas of the town of Gouyave.

Project name: Building Community Resilience and Ecosystem Based Adaptation to Climate Change in Selected Communities along the West Coast in Grenada.

Grenada Community Development Agency – (GRENCODA) is an indigenous non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental development Agency committed to the development of Grenada's rural communities. The Agency started in 1985, and was formally registered as a non-profit organization under the Grenada Companies Ordinance January 13th, 1986. The registered office is located on Lower Depradine Street in Gouyave in the Parish of St. John – one of the rural parishes located on the West Coast of Grenada. The Agency exists "to provide guidance and support to rural individuals, families and communities to improve their quality of life. It does this by encouraging people's participation in community based initiatives, which will build self-reliance particularly among small farmers, low-income workers, women and youth." The mission is grounded in a philosophy of gender equity and sustainable development that is inclusive and participatory.

The main activities include, *inter alia*:

- Preparing a Work Plan, this will be approved by the project manager.
- Conducting comprehensive training activities with ten (10) Coral Gardeners.
- Deploying Structures and training coral gardeners on the process.
- Compensating Coral Gardeners, this will be documented in the final report.

After pre-qualification and other tendering formalities, the job is planned to be awarded by **Monday 3rd October 2022**. GRENCODA invites interested firms or consultants experienced in oceanography, marine biology, marine ecology, marine resources management or other related field to collect the Terms of Reference Document (ToR), free of cost, by requesting via email to grencodaprojects@gmail.com. Such interested firms or consultants can also obtain a printed copy by visiting the GRENCODA's Office. **The deadline for the submission of bids are on or before 11:59 p.m. GMT-4, on Monday 3rd October 2022**, email entries to grencodaprojects@gmail.com, if email is not available entries may be dropped off.

GRENCODA
Lower Depradine Street
Gouyave, St. John, Grenada

Disclaimer: The GRENCODA reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. GRENCODA will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing or selecting any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of this Request for Bid.



LOST POLICY

Pursuant to Section 134 of the Insurance Act, Act No. 5 of 2010 of the Laws of Grenada, notice is hereby given that after one month of the publication of this notice, Pan-American Life Insurance Company of the Eastern Caribbean, LTD. - Grenada Branch shall issue a special policy of insurance to replace the following policy number(s) stated below which has/have been declared to either have been lost and/or destroyed:

POLICY	INSURED	APPLICANT
9742229	Andrea Baptiste	Andrea Baptiste

Pan-American Life Insurance Company of the Eastern Caribbean, LTD. - Grenada Branch
Church Street
St. George's Grenada

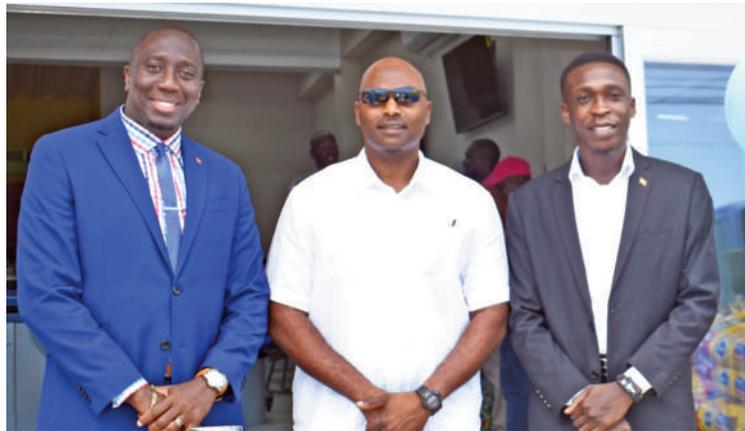
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SOG Foods Inc. expands services with opening of a new outlet in Grand Mal

Almost six (6) years after the December 2016, opening of its first supermarket in Calivigny, St. George's, SOG Foods Inc., has expanded its operations with the opening of a second outlet at Grand Mal in the St George North-west constituency.

Last week Friday saw the blessing of SOG Foods Inc., new outlet by Roman Catholic Bishop Clyde Harvey to mark another significant milestone for the company, which operates under the tagline: "A source of good foods."

Recognising the need for the flexible, and convenient shopping option in the community, Businessman and Owner of SOG Food's Ltd., Otis Gay, who grew up in the area, seized the opportunity to introduce the much-needed service to residents in Grand Mal, and



Senators Gayton La Crette and Neilon Franklyn, and Owner of SOG Foods Ltd., Otis Gay

surrounding areas, including, Fontenoy, Molinere, Mt. Moritz, Happy Hill, and the wider neighbourhood. Like the Calivigny outlet, the one at Grand Mal offers a clean, spacious, customer-oriented environment for shopping, inclusive of free parking facilities.

With opening hours from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, including on public holidays, both outlets offer a wide array of quality and affordable products including but not limited to groceries, household, hardware, kitchen appliances, baby and pet supplies, liquors, business equip-

ment, toys, recreational items, local meats and fish, fruits and vegetables.

Its deli offers a variety of hot foods, teas, coffee, meats, cakes, and pastries.

The Grand Mal community is part of the St. George North-west constituency, which has for

the last 38 years been under the stewardship of former Prime Minister, and current Opposition Leader Dr. Keith Mitchell, whose New National Party (NNP) administration was voted out of office three (3) months ago.

Dr. Mitchell was represented at last week Friday's ceremony by Opposition Senator Neilon Franklyn, who as a resident himself acknowledged the need for the service, and commended the managers and developers of the SOG brand for "taking that bold step to enter the market of St. George North-west."

The ceremony was also attended by Minister for Health, Wellness, and Religious Affairs, Senator Gayton La Crette, who welcomed the long-awaited initiative, which will employ over 20 persons, and a ready mar-



Bishop Clyde Harvey as he blessed SOG's new outlet in St George North-west

ket for farmers and livestock producers.

Sen. La Crette, who unsuccessfully contested the St. George North west seat for the newly installed National Democratic Congress (NDC) in the last General Elections, assisted SOG owners in cutting the ribbon to officially declare the new Grand Mal outlet opened.

Stating that the initiative "encourages independence, and adds character to the community," Sen. La Crette expressed optimism that it will also serve as encouragement for others to be as bold in their undertakings in the various business streams, to create further employment within the community.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

GRENADA

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

(Rule 15)

In the Estate of BERNARD JOSEPH, late, of Calliste. Saint George, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by RUTH JOSEPH AND JOY WALLACE both of Calliste, Saint George in the state of Grenada. Retiree and Post mistress respectively for a Grant of:

Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 17th day of February 2019 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 26th day of February 2010 wherein the applicants are named executrices.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

NEIL J NOEL

Attorney -at-law for the Applicants

Filed by Neil J Noel, Legal Practitioner for the Executrices, whose address for Service is: Mt. Airy, St. Pauls St. George, Grenada. Tel: 1 473 409 1530. Email: neiljnoel@gmail.com

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GRENADA:
CLAIM NO. GDAHCV2022/0156

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT 2016

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND

DEBRA WILSON
AND
NORRIL WILSON

APPLICANTS

AMENDED APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas DEBRA WILSON and NORRIL WILSON both of Diamond Street, Victoria in the parish of Saint Mark in Grenada, by their application filed in the High Court on 22nd day of April 2022 claim to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all person claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his legal practitioner within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Diamond Street Victoria in the parish of Saint Mark in Grenada containing by admeasurement Five Hundred and Eighty-three Square Feet (583 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure and is abutted and bounded by land of A.O. Forsyth, land of Ashton Teka, land of Mona Hosten, and land of Norril and Debra Wilson and a 6 feet Road as shown on the plan dated 30th April 2016 drawn by Richie Bedeau Licensed Surveyor

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT
OF GRENADA

DeAllie: Impending freight cap will result in increased cost for private sector businesses and not savings

Businessman, and former Private Sector representative in the Upper House of Parliament, Christopher Allie, is doubtful that the government's decision to cap freight prices at 2019 levels for the next six (6) months, starting October 1, will result in inflationary relief for consumers. De Allie expressed this

view on Sunday in an appearance on The Bubb Report with host Dr. Kellon Bubb, taking issue with the decision of the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) government, which follows a recommendation by certain elements within the business community, which will be required to pass the highly antic-

ipated savings onto consumers through the reduction in the cost of imported goods.

Contrary to the view held by his colleagues who would have made the request, De Allie is convinced that the freight cap, which will result in a \$4 million revenue loss for the government, according to Prime Minister and

Finance Minister, Dickon Mitchell, who made the announcement during the post-Cabinet press brief in St. George's last week Tuesday, will result in increased cost, and not savings for private sector business.

"I don't think that the cap on freight is going to assist with any sort of relief in terms of

inflationary pressures being exhibited now," stated De Allie, who is the Managing Director of Sissons Paints.

"The real issue is that between 2019, and what we are seeing now, the difference in that freight, and how that difference compares to what the cap on freight will bring, which is a reduction in duties and the savings you will get," he explained, expressing the view that "the difference we would have paid in freight, and the savings we would have gotten from duties that we would have paid on the 2019 formula, is going to far outweigh by what we have paid already in freight on these goods and services coming in."

"So, the net effect, is that the companies would have paid more in terms of freight versus the savings...this particular policy construct does not offer any net saving to the business that is incurring the cost," he added.

He also made the point that "if your net increase in freight is greater than your net savings in the duties, there is nothing to pass on."

"When I crunch my figures at my institution, I am not seeing a net savings. If I am bringing in a container from China that in 2019 was costing me US\$6,000.00, and it has now gone to US\$12,000.00, the difference is US\$6,000.00 - that I will have to pay to get the container here."

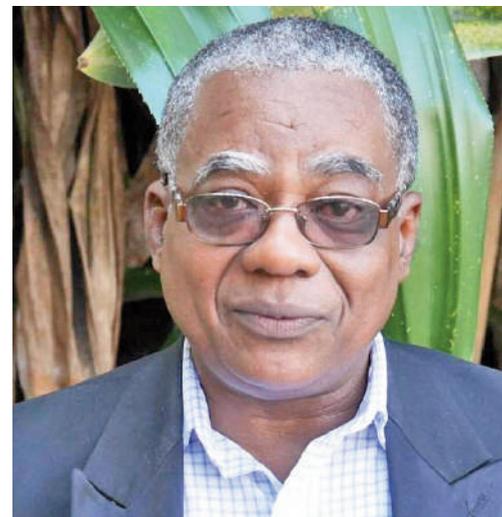
"If the savings in freight, let's say we took 30% off that (US\$6,000.00) in 2019, which is US\$1,800.00, 30% of US\$12,000.00 is US\$3,600.00, the difference in savings is not comparable to the increase in freight so, the net effect to the business is increased cost, not savings," De Allie quipped.

"For us, it is about managing the cost as a business, and how you could best deal with inefficiencies within your business, and see how you can get cost savings to minimise the impact on the transfer because if a business doesn't get net savings, it can't pass it on. It's as simple as that, and that's what we have to be clear about," he remarked.

An analysis from the Ministry of Finance indicated that freight charges on average have increased by over 40%, over seven (7)



Christopher De Allie – the former Private Sector Representative in Upper House of Parliament does not agree with government's decision to cap freight prices at 2019 levels



Public Policy Consultant, Dr. Stephen Fletcher - believes the freight cap is a move in the right direction

regions with a maximum increase of 108% from Asia, which is the home of China, the manufacturing capital of the world.

Apart from China, Grenada currently imports goods mainly from North America, South America, the CARICOM region, Europe, and Africa and Oceania, which have realised a 40% increase based on demand.

Noting that freight prices worldwide have started to drop, De Allie queried "whether this loss of revenue measure for the government is something that is needed, understanding that the real effect to the average consumer will not be perfectly met."

Offering a different perspective was Public Policy Consultant, Dr. Stephen Fletcher, who also appeared as a guest on the Bubb Report.

Dr. Fletcher agreed that "if the other cost elements far outweigh the reduction that is going to be incurred by

freight then you are not likely to see the kind of impact that you want to see."

However, he noted that the policy of the Dickon Mitchell-led regime is a move in the right direction, as it is geared to impact on the inflationary pressures facing consumers and that the government, by its actions "has decided that they were going to give up a certain amount of revenue in order to positively impact on prices."

"Now, I would argue that the impact would not be significant in some respects (but) this measure in particular, is on food items where we are seeing the kind of runaway inflation, especially, on commodities..." he said.

"...If government taxes, which also contributes to the (cost of) the final product is calculated on the basis of cost, insurance, and freight, and you are able to impact on one (1) of those three (3) areas, you are likely to

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GRENADA PORTS AUTHORITY



VACANCY – POST OF EQUIPMENT SUPERVISOR, GARAGE

A vacancy for an Equipment Supervisor in the Authority will need to be filled with effect 1st November, 2022

Reporting to the Port Manager, the incumbent will be required to carry out the following duties:

1. Supervises the Equipment Shed personnel/staff;
2. Servicing and repairs all Ports Authority Equipment i.e. Forklifts, Stackers, Launch Engine, Vans, Hand Carts, Trolleys etc.;
3. Repair security fences when damaged by trucks, people etc. and report said to the Port Manager to enable the Ports Authority to cover costs where appropriate;
4. Prepare and manage a preventative maintenance schedule (PMS) for all GPA equipment;
5. Responsible for maintaining an effective, harmonious working relationship in the Equipment Shed and with staff in all other areas of the Authority with which the Equipment Shed interfaces;
6. Responsible for monitoring the status of job in progress and for supplying all necessary technical advice, guidance and expertise to all subordinates working in and connected with the Equipment Shed;
7. Prepare a listing of spare parts for ordering;
8. Prepare equipment reports on a monthly/quarterly basis.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering etc. or other appropriate engineering discipline or membership from a recognized engineering society.
- At least five (5) years' experience in a Supervisory position;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and proven problem-solving ability;
- Strong Management skills;
- Good oral and written communications skills;
- An All Class driving licence is required.

The CV and supporting documents must be sent in a sealed envelope to reach us no later than 14th October, 2022

**Employment Application – Equipment Supervisor
Human Resource Manager
Grenada Ports Authority
Carenage
ST. GEORGE'S**



THE SPYGATE SCANDAL!!!

In light of the mystery surrounding what is now called THE POLICE TRANSMISSION TOWER AT PITON, THE NEW TODAY has decided to reproduce an article that was first published on July 24, 2020 about spygate devices that the former Keith Mitchell-led New National Party (NNP) was allegedly discussing with a fugitive from justice to secure importation into the country.

Grenada has denied that it was involved with a fugitive from justice in Germany, Jan Marsalek, Chief Operating Officer of Wirecard in order to secure spying software for use in the country.

Speaking on **THE NEW TODAY** on Monday, Health Minister Nickolas Steele said that he did not make any such request to the Austrian-born Marsalek who is wanted by police in Germany as part of a billion dollar investigation after Wirecard was allegedly discovered in wrongdoing.

The fugitive executive of the embattled payment startup company was mentioned in the German weekly magazine, Der Spiegel, as trying to source the spying equipment for Grenada shortly after the 2013 general election in which current Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell returned to power.

The magazine reported over the weekend that Marsalek, who is on the run, had a meeting with the Italian surveillance technology provider, Hacking Team in 2013 as an official representative of the government of Grenada to try and secure the spying technology.

Der Spiegel included in the article the printed letter with the controversial letterhead of the Grenada government which was purported to be signed by Steele who was then the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The senior government minister categorically denied any involvement or knowledge of the Marsalek dealings with Hacking Team on the software issue.

"For sure, for sure, definitely, definitely," the senior government minister told THE NEW TODAY in his strong denial after he was presented with the contents of the article in both German and English from the magazine with the allegation about him.

According to Minister Steele, this was impossible since the Mitchell-led ruling New National Party (NNP) government had just won the elections and was itself passing legislation in Parliament to outlaw the practice.

He said he suspected



Nickolas Steele – denied any involvement in the Spygate scandal

that the Austrian fraudster might have gotten a Grenada government letterhead through "some other correspondence or so" at an earlier stage and was now trying to use it in an illegal manner.

"It (the letterhead) is definitely not from us. You look at the letter – the letter doesn't even have a Record Number or anything like that. It's just a straight letter with no Filing Number or anything at all," he said. According to Minister Steele, the letterhead used by the Austrian fugitive has "left out certain things that are part of our regular correspondence" and is definitely not an authentic document.

The Grenada Minister had engaged the reporter who wrote the spying software article for the German magazine in a telephone conversation on Sunday.

Steele told this newspaper that the reporter informed him in their engagement that they are continuing to follow on Marsalek's trail and from the research done so far he is linked to several fraudulent documents.

"I told them "no" - we most definitely did not correspond with him on that (spy software). He did come to Grenada and he was trying to sell his Wirecard technology," he said.

An extract from the tech magazine known as VICE, said that it is turning out that Marsalek was never a Grenada government representative as both

Der Spiegel and Motherboard have found out.

The report said: "In a phone call, Steele, who is now the Minister (of) Health in Grenada said the document leaked in the Hacking Team emails is fraudulent.

"I can categorically state that the letter in your attachment bearing a resemblance to my signature and office at that time is a fraudulent document," Steele said in the phone call, referring to the apparent business deal between Grenada and Hacking Team. "I certainly did not make that request or any such request."

"Steele confirmed to Spiegel and Motherboard that he had met Marsalek and another person whose name is mentioned in the document in the summer of 2013. "He was a very charismatic young man and a smooth talker," Steele remembers. The meetings were about a business proposal from Marsalek involving Wirecard technology. In the end, however, no deal was made, Steele said.

"The head of Encryptech, a Mexican company that is mentioned in the letter, and which worked as an intermediary between Hacking Team and some government customers, called the letter "fake."

"They used the name of my company without authorization," Alfonso Ayensa said in an online chat".

Minister Steele told

THE NEW TODAY that Marsalek was interested in a project that involved the Ministry of Finance on Wirecard business but nothing actually happened with his proposal.

"That is what I know of him from checking around," he remarked.

Minister Steele said he assured the German magazine that he would make himself available for any questions or clarification that they might need on the issue of the alleged software matter in light of the fact that the Austrian fugitive is now being investigated in the 1.9 billion fraud in Germany.

He said: "They (magazine) have reached out to me for clarity and I have been co-operating with them. I told him that we understand what he's doing in terms of trying to track down a criminal in Germany so we remain available.

"In terms of taking legal action against the gentleman, if Germany can't find him, we can't find him but we can lodge on record that he has fraudulently misrepresented the government of Grenada or tried to ... and if and when he ever shows up we can follow suit but I wouldn't use public

funds on that right now," he added.

The Mitchell-led NNP regime has been dogged by controversies over the years especially with foreign investors who have duped the island of millions of dollars.

The latest was the Shrimp Farm project in Victoria, St. Mark in which approximately EC\$52.2 million collected by the non-national investors from the sale of Grenadian passports have disappeared without a trace.

The Marsalek documents including the Grenada letterhead were included in a

cache published after Hacking Team was hacked in 2015.

Marsalek has been described as the 'world's most wanted man' and reportedly fled Germany to Belarus, and is now thought to be hiding out in Russia under the protection of the Russian Intelligence Services.

His Wirecard company suddenly collapsed in June after German regulators raided its headquarters as part of an investigation into fraudulent stock price manipulation and 1.9 billion euro that are missing from the company's books.



2022 BOOK AWARDS

Policyholders of Demerara Mutual Life are invited to apply for Book Awards for their children who were successful at the 2022 Caribbean Primary Exit Assessment (CPEA).

ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant or the child must hold a Demerara Mutual Life insurance policy which was in force on the date the examination was written, at the time the award is granted, and over the five years for which the award is valid, unless the policy matures within this period.
- The insurance policy must have been in force for at least one (1) year prior to the 2022 examination.
- The Book Awards would be granted only to children attending Secondary Schools in Grenada.
- The child's CPEA results must be no less than 75 percent of the total marks.

Applications which do not meet these criteria would not be considered.

REQUIREMENTS

Applications must be made in writing and delivered to the Demerara Mutual Life Branch Office, Granby St., St. George's on or before September 30, 2022.

Application must include: -

- Name of the policyholder
- Policy Number
- Address
- Birth certificate, of child
- Examination number of child
- Result slip of child

Management's decisions on all matters concerning these awards would be final.

**J. K. Morgan
Company Secretary**

Allie Baptiste seeks damages against former Grenada government minister

Can a person who has been extradited file a private claim for damages against the Minister who issued a surrender order pursuant to the Extradition Act.

This was the question that High Court Judge, Justice Raulston Glasgow sought to answer in delivering judgment in a case brought against a Grenada Minister of Foreign Affairs by an individual who was charged by the police in a Cocaine-related case and ordered by the Magistrate's Court.

Allie Baptiste was arrested on 25th February 2009 by police officers on a charge of conspiracy to import illicit drugs into the United Kingdom.

On February 26, 2009, he was taken before Chief Magistrate, Her Honour Tamara Gill (as she then was) for a preliminary hearing.

The Chief Magistrate then transferred the case to another Magistrate, Her Honour Karen Noel (the committing Magistrate) who on 27th March 2009 granted bail to Mr. Baptiste.

On or about 16th April 2009, the State commenced the extradition proceedings before the committing Magistrate on the ground that Baptiste committed an extradition offence against the law of the UK, namely, "conspiracy to evade the prohibition on the importa-

tion of a controlled drug of class A, namely cocaine".

Upon completion of the extradition proceedings, Her Honour Noel committed Baptiste on 15th October 2009 to be extradited to the UK.

Through local attorney-at-law, Dr. Francis Alexis, QC, Baptiste took legal action against the government minister seeking damages for losses suffered during the ordeal.

THE NEW TODAY reproduces an edited version of the Glasgow ruling on the case:



Deceased Magistrate Karen Noel

(Continue from last week)

The statutory scheme and the ambit of the discretion imposed therein

(6) Section 12 – deals with procedures where a Magistrate refuses to commit the arrested person. The section offers the Commonwealth country or foreign state the option to question the proceedings before the High Court;

(7) Section 13 – The person who is committed further to the hearing before the Magistrate (the committed person) may make a habeas corpus application to the High Court. Of

particular significance to this present discourse is section 13(4) which permits the High Court to "receive additional evidence relevant to the exercise of its jurisdiction...";

(8) Section 14 outlines what is happen where a person consents to be extradited;

(9) Sections 15 and 16 are of particular relevance to this discussion and will be recited in full –

Order for surrender

(1)Where a person is committed under section 11 and is not discharged by order of the High

Court, the Minister may by warrant order him or her to be surrendered unless his or her surrender is prohibited by this Act.

(2)Without prejudice to his or her general discretion to issue a warrant for the surrender of a person to a foreign State or Commonwealth country –

(a) the Minister shall not issue a warrant for the surrender of any person if it appears to the Minister in relation to the offence in respect of which that person's surrender is sought, that –

(i) by reason of its trivial nature,

(ii) by reason of the passage of time since he or she is alleged to have committed it or to have become unlawfully at large, as the case may be, or (iii) because the accusation against him or her is not made in good faith in the interests of justice, it would having regard to all the circumstances, be unjust or oppressive to surrender him or her; and

(b) the Minister may decide not to issue a warrant for the surrender of a person accused or convicted of an offence not punishable with death in Grenada if the person could be or has been sentenced to death for

that offence in the country by which the request for his or her surrender is made.

(3) A warrant for surrender shall not be issued in the case of a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment or detention, or is charged with an offence in Grenada – (a) in the case of a person serving such a sentence, until the sentence has been served; and

(b) in the case of a person charged with an offence, until the charge is disposed of or withdrawn or unless an order is made for it to lie on the file and, if it results in his or her serving a term of imprisonment or deten-

tion, until the sentence has been served.

(4) The Minister may decide not to issue a warrant for surrender under this section for the surrender of a person committed in consequence of an extradition request, if another extradition request has been made in respect of that person and it appears to the Minister, having regard to all the circumstances of the case and in particular – (a) the relative seriousness of the offences in question;

(b) the date on which each such request was made;

(c) the nationality or citizenship of the person

concerned and his or her ordinary place of residence, that preference should be given to that other request.

(5) Notice of the issue of a warrant under this section for the surrender of a person to a Commonwealth country shall forthwith be given to the person to be surrendered.

Surrender to foreign State

(1)The Minister shall give to the person to whom an order under section 15 for the surrender to a foreign State would relate, notice in writing that he or she is contemplating making such an order.

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Software Developer GRENADA

Superfund:

The SUPERFUND Group was founded in 1995 in Vienna, Austria, and its members have been pioneers in the financial services industry since inception. SUPERFUND firsts include:

- The first international managed futures fund for retail investors
- The first managed futures fund with a savings plan
- The first managed futures fund provider with international investment consulting and education centers ("Superfund Investment Centers")

The fully-automated trading systems utilized by the SUPERFUND Group have an established 25+ year track record. Over 70 awards and number one rankings (the Wall Street Journal and Standard & Poor's 5 Stars) mark SUPERFUND Group products as among the premier managed futures funds worldwide.

SUPERFUND Group companies maintain offices in Chicago, Grenada, Zurich, Vienna, Warsaw, Hong Kong, Tokyo and others.

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Opportunities:

In line with its continuing expansion, **SUPERFUND** is seeking intelligent, ambitious and creative individuals to join the Superfund office in Grenada. Responsibilities consistent with the available position include without limitation:

- Software Design and object oriented programming
- Actual core implementation
- Other required implementations

SUPERFUND is seeking candidates with the following profile:

Essential:

- Minimum of 2 years experience as a Software Developer
- Formal training/ certification and/ or Experience on Object Oriented Programming (Visual Basic .Net, C#, C++, Java etc.)
- Formal training/ certification and/ or Experience on Relational Database Management System (SQL Server, Oracle etc.)

Desirable:

- Exceptional time management skills

Interested parties should send a cover letter and resume to:

grenadacareers@superfund.net

Qualified candidates will be contacted directly.

* All information contained herein is for recruitment purposes only. It constitutes neither a solicitation to invest nor an offer to buy or sell any products herein referenced. Every capital investment involves substantial risk. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

REPORT ON WRONG-DOING AT MNIB

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VI. The inquiry/investigation determined that the circumstances surrounding the issues of non-payments/delayed payments were due to cash flow issues exacerbated by the garnishing of MNIB's account, a result of its court matter with CSME Commodity Traders Ltd.

VII. The inquiry/investigation found that Annual Business Plans submission dates by the MNIB, during the period under inquiry/investigation, always fell outside of the four-month window stipulated by the Act.

VIII. The inquiry/investigation found that MNIB did not keep its books of accounts in a way that is sufficient to record and explain the transactions, and to enable its financial position to be determined with reasonable accuracy at any time.

IX. The lack of cooperation from the Management of the MNIB with the auditors resulted in significant delays in the preparation and submission of the annual Audited

Reports to the Ministry of Finance for onward transmission to Parliament.

X. While it was the responsibility of the Board and Management of the MNIB to make these entities viable through the products and services provided, more follow-up by the line Ministry was required to ensure the projects were being implemented as planned.

XI. Following review of some of the MNIB's Financial and Operational Reports,

as well as Reports from MNIB's independent auditor, the inquiry/investigation determined that MNIB was poorly managed.

XII. The inquiry/investigation determined that MNIB was not compliant with some of the required policies, protocols, and procedures. Some of them did not exist or were not implemented during the period under the inquiry/investigation.

XIII. The inquiry/investigation was also able to determine that, there is no Standard Operating



Ruel Edwards – did not make himself available for questioning

Procedures (SOP) or Code of Conduct at the Ministry of Finance for persons on contract vis a vis requirements to declare any such activities outside the service.

Based on the foregoing, the following recommendations are made among others for implementation; in the main Report each issue has identified specific recommendations.

Summary Recommendations

I. Conduct a full independent forensic exam-

ination, under the direction of the

Department of Audit, into MNIB's financial operations for the period of the Commission's inquiry/investigation or a focused investigation for this period on the areas specifically identified in this Report.

II. There should be mandatory training at the reconstitution of the Boards of Directors for new and continuing members on their Fiduciary Duties, roles and responsibilities in accordance with all applicable Acts and the training must be conducted by a professional with proficiency in the operations of statutory bodies.

III. Board Directors along with the Management of Statutory Bodies should create and implement a Risk Treatment Plan that would mitigate against risks, conflict of interests and corrupt practices. This plan will be periodically revised as part of the Integrity Commission's Risk Management implementation.

IV. Due consideration be given to a

comprehensive review of the MNIB Act and specifically the composition of the Board. The Board membership should be representative of;

- At least two (2) farmers;
- At least two (2) Fisheries Cooperatives Representatives;
- A Chartered Accountant;
- An attorney-at-law with at least five years standing;
- Consumers Representative;
- Bureau of Standards Representative;
- Business community with an emphasis on marketing;
- Ministry of Trade and/or;
- The line Ministry.

V. It is strongly recommended that the MNIB has an independent Secretary designated to the Board of Directors. This must also be applied to all Statutory Bodies.

VI. Administrative and operational policies, procedures and practices

must be developed, disseminated to staff and implemented to ensure the proper management of the MNIB.

VII. The MNIB should provide farmers with more information on market fluctuations and also provide advice and consultations on what and when they should plant.

VIII. It is strongly recommended that the Ministry of Trade and by extension all Ministries, implement Standard Operating Procedures that include a well-defined Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest[1] and Code of Conduct, modelled by the IPLA and advise all appointees;

IX. It is strongly recommended that MNIB's Board of Directors ensure that they are in full compliance with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act No. 39 of 2014; specifically Section 55 (4) a) b) c) and (5), (6).

X. The Commission recommends that the RGPF should continue to investigate the fires.



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Budget Time Again

By Laurel Bain



The public would be eagerly awaiting the presentation of the national budget for 2023. The transformative agenda of the National Democratic Congress [NDC] administration, for at least the next three years, should then be outlined.

Within this three-year framework, the public would be informed of the policies, programs, and projects for 2023, the expenditure associated with these and the sources of financing for the expenditures. These would be documented in the Parliamentary Approved Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2023.

The policies, programmes and projects would aim at transforming the economy to "A Sustainable, Equitable and Prosperous

Grenada for All". The information presented in the 2023 national budget should be steps to achieving this vision.

The current economic and social conditions in the country should form the basis for constructing the building blocks to the transformed economy. Therefore, the assessment of the economy that accompanies the national budget, should focus on the indicators that need to be changed to signal the movement to a transformed economy.

While the economic assessment would include the usual trends in the macro-economic variables and developments in the economic, financial, fiscal, and external sectors, there should be an emphasis on the challenges in the economy and some of the structural issues that need to be addressed.

These include (i). the trend in agriculture production;

(ii). the performance of agriculture exports;

(iii). the trend in the food import bill;

(iv). the state of agro-processing and agri-business;

(v). developments in the fishing industry and other marine resources;

(vi). the status of the creative industries;

(vii). the foreign exchange outflows to external agents for the importation of services; and (viii). the efficiency of doing business in Grenada.

The social sectors should be given equal importance in the assessment of the economy. The areas of focus should include developments in education, health and other social services, and the dynamics of deviant behaviour, unemployment, and poverty. A refocusing of the assessment of the economy to highlight the challenges and the structural imbalances would be consistent with pursuing a transformative agenda.

The preparation, approval, implementation,

and evaluation of the budget is anchored in the legislative framework. The budget process is guided by the Constitution, and the accompanying legislations are the Public Finance Management Act, the Debt Management Act, the Fiscal Responsibility Act, and the Audit Act.

The existence of this legislative framework did not prevent the occurrence of financial dilemmas and fiscal mysteries. Also, numerous recommendations have been put forward for the reform of the Fiscal Responsibility Act.

The issue is whether there is need for legislative reforms, or whether the system for 'Good Government' requires an overhaul, or a combination of legislative and administrative reforms. The Parliament is established for the 'Good Government' of the country, and this should be foremost in transforming the economy.

The contents of the national budget for 2023, which would be presented in the budget speech and the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, should show signs of implementing a transformative agenda with the ultimate goal of eradicating poverty.

The transformation of the

economy would be an ongoing process and would, at times, be hindered by unforeseen circumstances. However, it is important to establish targets to be achieved on the path to transforming the economy.

The Government has identified some critical areas in the transformative agenda, and the 2023 national budget should include policies, programmes and projects that signal that the country is moving in that direction.

A feature of the 2023 national budget would therefore be which of the components of the transformation agenda would be developed into policies, programmes, and projects for 2023.

The projected economic growth rate for 2023 and the following two years would be of significance. Foremost among the outcome of the transformation agenda is achieving sustainable economic growth while (i). diversifying the economy;

(ii). strengthening linkages among the sectors in the economy;

(iii). improving food and nutrition security; and

(iv). creating employment, particularly among the youths.

The initiatives for transforming the economy, as outlined in the NDC Manifesto and the Throne speech of 31st August 2022, are expected to be integrated in the Medium-term Economic and Social Development Strategy and the accompanying Public Sector Investment Programme.

While these policies and programme documents are being prepared, there are major policies that could be identified, some of which would need to be included in the 2023 national budget.

Fundamental to transforming the economy are the proposal for reforming and developing the productive sectors which include, among other proposals:

(i). The development and integration of agriculture, fisheries and marine resources, tourism, creative industries, culture, and ICT while protecting the environment.

(ii). Improving the value-added in the economy by

developing agri-business, fish processing and cannabis industries in medical and hemp products.

(iii). Re-invigorating the spice industry by encouraging farmers to engage in large scale replanting of local spices.

(iv). Reforming the Marketing and National Importing Board; and integrating the Grenada Cocoa Association and the Grenada Cooperative Nutmeg Association.

Therefore, in the 2023 national budget, elements of these policies and programmes should be included in the Vote for the Ministry of Economic Development, Planning, Tourism and ICT, Creative Economy, Agriculture and Lands, Fisheries and Cooperatives.

As a stimulus to the reform process, a feature of the budget should be an incentive package for entrepreneurs, particularly for supporting the emerging activities in agri-business, fishing and marine resources, the cannabis industries, the creative industries, and digital

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)**

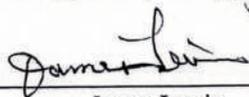
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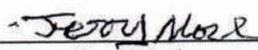
GRENADA

IN THE ESTATE OF LEO FINTON JOHN, late of Plaisance in the Parish of Saint Andrew, deceased

Application is hereby made to the Registrar pursuant to Rule 8 of the Supreme Court (Non – Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules 2021 by James Lewis, retired of Plaisance, St. Andrew and Jerry Noel, a customs officer of Marquis in the parish of Saint Andrew in Grenada for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 25th day of January, 2019 without revoking the will bearing the date of 28th day of April, 2015 wherein the Applicants are named as executors.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2022


James Lewis
Executor


Jerry Noel
Executors

The Registry is a Church Street, St. George's, Telephone Number 1 473 440 2030. The office is open between 9:00a.m to 4:00p.m Mondays to Thursdays and 9:00a.m to 3:00p.m on Fridays except Public Holidays

**FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF GRENADA
(P R O B A T E)**

**IN THE ESTATE OF LUCELLE BERNADETTE AKINS, LATE OF HILLSBOROUGH
IN THE ISLAND OF CARRIACOU IN THE STATE OF GRENADA, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Edith Akins-John originally of Main Street Hillsborough in the Island of Carriacou in the State of Grenada but presently residing in Brooklyn in the United States of America for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased, Lucille Bernadette Akins who died on the 30th day of May, 2019 without revoking a will bearing the date of the 12th day of May, 2019 wherein the Applicant is the sole named executrix.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the Application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2022


Hazel B. Hopkin-La Touche
LAW OFFICE OF ALBAN M. JOHN
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

This Application is filed by Law Office of Alban M. John Chambers, Donovan House, Scott Street, St. George's, Grenada. Telephone No. 435-2710 and email address: amjohn@spiceisle.com

The Court office is at the Jay McCormick Building, St. George's, Grenada Telephone No. 440-2030 and Fax No.440-6695. The office is open between 8 am to 4 pm weekdays, except public holidays

Allie Baptiste seeks damages against former Grenada government minister

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(2)The person to whom such an order would relate shall have a right to make representations, at any time before the expiration of the period

of fifteen days commencing with the date on which the notice is given, as to why he or she should not be surrendered to the foreign State, and unless he or she waives that right, no

such order shall be made in relation to him or her before the end of that period.

(3)A notice under subsection (1) shall explain in simple and ordinary

language the right conferred by subsection (2).

(4)It shall be the duty of the Minister to consider any representations made in the exercise of that right.



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The deadline date for receipt of applications is 30th September 2022.

NOTICE

The GTAWU Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. wishes to advise its members that its **24th AGM** has been scheduled to take place on **Thursday, September 29, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.** at TAWU House, Green Street, St. George.

AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Opening Prayer/National Anthem**
3. **Welcome**
4. **Silent Tribute**
5. **Remarks**
 - a. **GARFIN**
 - b. **G'da Co-operative League Ltd.**

BUSINESS SESSION

6. **Ascertainment of Quorum**
7. **Minutes**
8. **Reports**
 - a. **Board of Directors**
 - b. **Supervisory & Compliance Committee**
 - c. **Credit Committee**
 - d. **Financial**
9. **Resolutions**
10. **Nomination Committee Report/Elections**
11. **Any Other Business**
12. **Vote of Thanks**

Please make a special effort to attend and to be on time.

Respectfully,

Wendy Brizan,
President.



Magistrate Tamara Gill – did not hear the case but passed it on to another Magistrate

(5)Unless the person to whom it relates waives the right conferred on him or her by subsection (6), he or she shall not be surrendered to the foreign State until the expiration of the period of seven days commencing with the date on which the warrant is issued or such longer period as rules of court may specify.

(6)At any time within the period mentioned in subsection (5), the person may apply for leave to seek judicial review of the Minister's decision to make the order.

(7)If the person applies for judicial review, he or she may not be surrendered so long as the proceedings for judicial review are pending.

(8)Proceedings for judicial review shall be treated for the purposes of this section as pending until, disregarding any power of the court to grant leave to appeal out of time, there is no further possibility of an appeal.

(9)A warrant under section 15—

(a) shall state in simple and ordinary language that the Minister has considered any representations made in the exercise of the right conferred by subsection (2); and (b) shall explain in simple and ordinary language the rights conferred by this section on a person whose surrender to a foreign State has been ordered under section 15, and a copy shall be given to the person to whom it relates as soon as the order for his or her surrender is made."

[24] It is immediately apparent that section 15(1) gives the Minister a general discretion whether or not to issue an order for the surrender of a committed person. I observe that while the Minister is clothed

with the general discretion to issue the surrender order, the exercise of the discretion is largely circumscribed by the matters set out in section 15(2) et seq and by the procedure stipulated by section 16.

This is significant since the ambit of the Minister's discretion is in sharp focus on this discourse. Specifically, Mr. Baptiste wants this court to find that the exercise of the Minister's discretion required him to conduct or have instigated a number of enquiries that would have established Mr. Baptiste's innocence of the claims made by the requesting State.

Mr. Baptiste claims that he placed these matters before the Minister when he met with the Minister pursuant to section 16(4). Mr. Baptiste insists that the Minister should have enquired or have investigated these matters placed before him and in particular –

(1) The details of monies sent by Mr. Gibson to Mr. Baptiste's accounts at Grenada Co-operative Bank; Communal Co-operative Credit Union and Grenada Building and Loan;

(2) Mr. Baptiste spent the monies in those accounts by using cheques issued to individuals and business places who were not engaged in a conspiracy;

(3) The business conducted by Mr. Baptiste with Mr. Gibson and Mr. Moore were all bona fide and legitimate business transactions; and

(4) Mr. Baptiste had never been convicted of any drug related offences.

[25] Interestingly and significantly, Mr. Baptiste indicated that the representation and evidence he gave to the Minister were also considered by

the committal court. I have recited above the evidence given by PS Browne as to the matters which the Minister considered before he issued the surrender order.

The contours of the discretion

It may be somewhat difficult for the court to outline the precise contours of the Minister's general discretion to issue a surrender order pursuant to section 15(1). But as I have stated above, the exercise of this general discretion is largely circumscribed by the matters set out in section 15(2) et seq and by the procedure stipulated by section 16.

But was the Minister, in addition, enjoined to have regard to the evidence that Mr. Baptiste placed before him? Admittedly, the committal court had this material before it when the committal order was made.

The question of whether the Minister, in the exercise of his general jurisdiction to issue a surrender order, may consider afresh material placed before the committal court is not without judicial comment and pronouncement by our courts in the Eastern Caribbean.

I would also remind myself that further to the committal court's order, Mr. Baptiste applied to the high court pursuant to section 13 for a writ of habeas corpus. At that court, he had another occasion to canvass the same issues placed before the committal court.

He could have also placed additional evidence before the court hearing the habeas corpus application. See section 13(4) recited above. See also the judgment of Price Findlay J delivered 12th May 2012 refusing the habeas corpus application.

With respect to materials canvassed previously before the committal court, it is not suggested in any of the cases (and I do agree that this is a correct view of the ambit of the discretion), that the Minister could not advert to the material previously placed before the committing Magistrate and/or the High Court.

In fact it is said that "[T]he width of this discretion means that the Secretary of State is entitled to consider the representations of an applicant on the basis

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Opposition Senator Norland Cox warns of tough times ahead

The opposition New National Party (NNP) has advanced the argument that the removal of the subsidy imposed on non-fuel electricity charges and fuel at the pumps by the former regime as part of inflationary relief measures eight (8) months ago, signals "tough times" ahead especially for poor and vulnerable households.

Former Public Utilities Minister Norland Cox, who now serves as an Opposition Senator in the Upper House of Parliament, raised the issue during a press conference in St. George's last week Thursday, approximately two days after new Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell informed Grenadians about the adjustments to be made in going forward on the issue.

"We are very concerned, and disheartened that this is going to create some significant impact for the ordinary people...remember, school(s) have just (re)opened (and) for homes who cannot pay (the already high) electricity bills, they will be cut off," Sen. Cox told reporters at a press conference in St. George's last week Thursday.

So, it means that students will be unable to do their homework at night (and) we may see small businesses affected again - there might be closures, we do not know but we are very concerned about this," he said.

However, the newly installed Finance Minister, Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, who acknowledged the challenge for electricity consumers contends that



Former Public Utilities Minister Norland Cox - believes that the removal of the cap on electricity and fuel prices will have a negative impact on the poor and vulnerable

the 25% subsidy has had a negative impact on GRENLEC's cash flow, resulting in the loss of over EC\$16 million, and has severely hampered the company's ability to meet its commitments.

The Grenadian leader, who encouraged consumers to carefully manage their energy intake, also expressed concern about the ability of the country's lone electricity provider, to meet the growing demand for energy in the country, alluding to ongoing challenges with one of engines at the GRENLEC's Queen's Park power plant, which has resulted in consumers experiencing more frequent power outages throughout the country in recent days.

The discontinuation of the 25% discount on non-fuel costs is expected to allow the cash-strapped state-owned power company to meet its financial obligations,

and remain as a stable national asset.

PM Dickon Mitchell said the government "cannot risk jeopardizing the financial stability of GRENLEC," and gave assurances that his administration is "going to look at alternative measures to cushion the impact...particularly for consumers who consume less than or up to 100 kWh hours per month."

Public Policy Consultant Dr. Stephen Fletcher, who added his voice to the ongoing debate believes that "this removal of the 25% cap has to be seen as a balancing act to ensure that this strategic asset is secured (and) can ensure that the manufacturers (and) houses have power, small businesses are able to perform, and very importantly, at a time where in the school system we are more, and more turning to the Internet as a source of

information, and a teaching aid, we need to ensure that this resource remain stable."

Dr. Fletcher made the remark when he appeared as a guest on The Bubb Report on Sunday, agreeing in principle with the removal of the subsidy in the context of the company's need for revenue at a time when the engines are aging, and the need for repairs, and maintenance are more frequent, along with other issues like salary increases of about 30%, which has led to workers taking industrial action against the company recently.

Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, who avowed to find alternative ways to mitigate rising cost of living, has said that the cost of electricity is determined by the cost

of fuel, and is optimistic that fuel prices will continue to trend downwards, which will ultimately lead to a reduction in electricity bills.

The Grenadian leader gave assurances that the government will find alternative cushionary measures to mitigate against the already high cost of electricity in the country.

One such measure was implemented on Sunday, with the removal of the \$15.00 cap that was also imposed by the former administration in January as the price per gallon drops by more than EC\$2.00 to EC\$12.74 this month, while the price of diesel fell by only 43 cents, from EC\$15.00 to \$14.57.

Sen. Cox had expressed concern that the removal of the



Public Policy Consultant Dr. Stephen Fletcher - forecasters project a general reduction and stabilisation of fuel prices in the coming years

\$15.00 cap per gallon on fuel, which is regulated on a month by month basis, will result in a bus fare hike.

However, according to Dr. Fletcher, global fuel prices are projected to decrease and or, stabilise in the coming years.

"The global forecast of fuel prices over the next two or three years, and barring any extraneous

negative factor coming into play such as hurricanes et cetera, is forecasting a general decrease and stabilisation of prices. So, hopefully we will benefit from that (and) the fuel that we import will probably remain within good measure, and therefore starting at \$12.74 per gallon it will be able to be managed throughout," said Dr. Fletcher.



INVITATION FOR TENDERS

SECURITY SERVICES AT THE GRENADA PORTS AUTHORITY, TYRREL BAY PORT, CARRIACOU

The Grenada Ports Authority wishes to invite Security Firms to submit proposals to provide Security coverage at the Tyrrel Bay Port, Carriacou.

Interested firms must submit 2 sealed envelopes containing:

- i) A description and background of the firm, a listing of persons or current clients and the nature of services provided to at least three (3) clients who may be offered as references.
- ii) Proposed Schedule of fees.

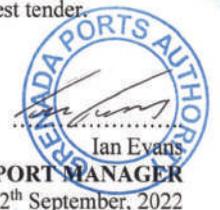
A copy of the Schedule of Security Services to be performed can be obtained from the Grenada Ports Authority's Main Office, the Carenage, St. George's or via email, gpasecretary@hotmail.com upon request.

Tenders to provide Security Services must be addressed:

**Security Services, Tyrrel Bay
Grenada Ports Authority
Carenage
St. George's**

Tenders must reach the Secretary's office at The Authority by **3:00 p.m. on Monday 10th October, 2022**. Late tenders will be rejected.

The Authority does not consider itself bound to accept any or the lowest tender.



PORT MANAGER
12th September, 2022



LOST POLICY

Pursuant to Section 134 of the Insurance Act, Act No. 5 of 2010 of the Laws of Grenada, notice is hereby given that after one month of the publication of this notice, Pan-American Life Insurance Company of the Eastern Caribbean, LTD. - Grenada Branch shall issue a special policy of insurance to replace the following policy number(s) stated below which has/have been declared to either have been lost and/or destroyed:

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Sep 20, 2022

Caribbean Food Security and the private sector

London, England -- Delivering Caribbean Governments' ambitious plans to reduce the Caribbean's huge food import bill will require significant levels of private sector investment.

Gervase Warner, the Chief Executive Officer of Massy Holdings, was direct.

Speaking in Trinidad at the second regional Agri-Investment Forum as Chairman of the CARICOM Private Sector Organisation, he said: "Food security has clearly become front and centre, a critical issue for our own survival. It is very clear to us we are not going to get help from our colonisers of the past, we are not going to get help from big developing countries... This is our problem for us to address."

He told participants that if the private sector were to invest in agricultural production in Belize, Guyana, Trinidad and

elsewhere, it would be possible to produce 25% of the region's food and agricultural requirements by 2025, reducing the present US\$4bn cost of CARICOM's food imports by at least US\$1.2bn.

His remarks come as conflict in Europe, sanctions, global decoupling, climate change, and drought are causing energy, fertiliser, and transport prices to surge, making the long-term economic outlook for food security challenging for every nation that is a net importer.

The Forum indicated that some progress towards achieving CARICOM's 2025 food production target is happening in Jamaica, St Lucia, and Guyana, and that several other nations are seeking financing for agricultural expansion through a special Republic Bank facility.

More importantly, detail was provided about potentially game chang-

ing infrastructural and other initiatives being developed by a 'coalition of the willing' in the shape of Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad, and Barbados that if delivered will be developmental.

What the four nations envisage beyond the large-scale provision of agricultural land for food production by Guyana and Suriname, is the development of an intra-regional shipping service, the construction of a regional food hub in Barbados possibly linked to others in Antigua, Jamaica, St Lucia, and Trinidad, the development of value added agri-processing facilities in the OECS and elsewhere, and a proposal to use Suriname's, and possibly Venezuela's natural gas if brought ashore in Trinidad, to produce fertiliser for regional sale and export.

As a further step, discussions have begun with

the Governor of Brazil's landlocked agriculture-dominated northern province of Roraima about creating a regional outlet through Guyana for agricultural goods, while Suriname is to develop ideas as to how national and regional industrial policies in CARICOM might be created that horizontally integrate regional food production with manufacturing.

The Trinidad Forum also indicated that if this strategic southern vision is to succeed, it will require large Caribbean corporations to be convinced that such plans are commercially viable and executable.

Strikingly, however, what is emerging is a reluctance on the part of the regional private sector to consider intra-regional cross-border investments. This is despite some of the bigger players in CARICOM already being invested in agricultural

ventures in Latin America.

Several Heads of Government speaking at the conference made clear that if the region's own companies were unable to take advantage of the agricultural and related investment opportunities that now exist in Guyana, Suriname, Belize, and elsewhere, they would turn to foreign investors: in effect reversing the post-independence experience which saw foreign companies withdraw from owning and long-leasing Caribbean agricultural land.

At the Forum, Trinidad's Prime Minister, Keith Rowley, Guyana's President, Ifran Ali, and Suriname's President, Chandrikapersad Santokhi, all spoke about what Prime Minister Rowley described as "the resistance" of business to the initiatives that are being developed.

Prime Minister Rowley appealed to the region's private sector "to change the formulae of trade" by using the time it will take to get crops into the ground to become distributors of local produce rather than commission agents for those outside of the region.

He also sought to reassure the region's small farmers that the drive for investment in large-scale agriculture for regional supply was not intended to displace or replace them, but to put in place systems that will help them too. But this is far from being the whole story.

The economist Marla Dukharan, is of the view that the principal reason for the reluctance on the part of the regional and external private sector, whether in relation to investment in agriculture



By David Jessop (Executive Director of the Caribbean Council for Europe)

or much else, relates to how little progress has been made in addressing what she describes as the "disease of doing business" in the region.

She suggests that recent acquisition, expansion, and consolidation trends involving the region's non-tourism private sector indicate that investors continue to require "meaningful counterbalancing", in the form of Government concessions to compensate for the costs and risk of doing business, and to make an investment opportunity sufficiently attractive.

She also believes that climate risks in the Eastern Caribbean, the smallness of market size, access to credit, and difficulty in penetrating any industry already dominated by a few big private players act as additional disincentives, as do formal foreign exchange restrictions in Barbados and The Bahamas, and de facto controls and risks in Trinidad that disincentivise investors.

Only in the case of Guyana, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic does she see "more opportunity and possibility than costs and risks".

Apart from this illustrating the urgency of addressing entrenched mismatches between public policy and private sector concerns, the regional private sector's disinclination to invest in the Caribbean indicates the importance of accelerating the wider treaty and regional reforms necessary to stimulate the free movement of capital and labour.

Or put another way, if

change does not happen, the newfound political will, vision, and desire to pursue competitive advantage based on economic complementarity now being shown by Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad, and Barbados will be frustrated.

The restructuring implied by the region accepting responsibility for its own food security is as great a challenge in its own way as that faced when preferential commodity arrangements with Europe ended.

Then, instead of linking EU support for the long overdue consolidation of commodity agriculture to a gradual transition into food production, Caribbean governments accepted by default the compensating rise of tourism and migration away from the land, embracing instead globalisation-enabled cheap food imports.

If for whatever reason larger entities in the regional private sector are unable to identify the commercial viability or successfully invest in Caribbean food security, others in China, Saudi Arabia, and the Gulf with the wherewithal will do so, assuming responsibility for feeding the Caribbean.

Once again, holistic solutions and a long-term vision of a world that is changing are required; along with transparency and better explanations as to how governments intend facilitating intra-regional investment.

(David Jessop is a consultant to the Caribbean Council)

GRENADA

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
PROBATE**

**IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL MCINTYRE also known as MICHAEL JOSEPH
MC INTYRE OF MON TOUT ST GEORGE GRENADA, DECEASED**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Margaret McIntyre-McLain of Grand Anse in the parish of St George in the state of Grenada for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 27th day of January 2021.

Any person having an objection to the application for the grant of Letters of Administration shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 19th day of September 2022

Thira Dumont
Attorney-at-law
Duncan Phillip & Associates

Filed by Duncan Phillip & Associates whose address for service is Old Fort St. George's Grenada Attorneys-at-Law for the Estate.

DeAllie: Impending freight cap will result in increased cost for private sector businesses and not savings

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see a possible decrease in price," he added.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) predicts that consumer prices, which had doubled between the end of 2020 and 2021 to 6.6%, are expected to rise to an astronomical 8.1% in the next 12 months.

Noting that "the fight against inflation takes on multiple forms," Dr. Fletcher said, the "government will have to look at whatever other policy leverages to see to what degree, and extent it can in fact have the desired public policy effect that you want to have because it is about

reducing cost of living to everyone."

"In the context as a vulnerable small island state that depends on imports, especially, food imports, we have to see to what extent we can pull different levers to effect the reduction in price, and really management of prices...given what is happening in the international arena, the Ukraine war, and the impact on freight charges, the lingering effects of COVID on freight, and things as container prices."

"Although there is a slight decrease that is beginning to take place regarding freight charges in some areas, it is a good policy lever

that has been used and we must see what other levers are in place to effect the change that you want to see which, is the management of inflation."

The impending cap on freight prices forms part of the new Congress government's approach to tackling rising cost of living in the country, which is a measure that is scheduled for review at the end of March 2023.

As an added measure, the government is currently engaging stakeholders in consultation towards reducing, or the complete removal of Value Added Tax (VAT) on some key food items, as well as sanitary and hygiene items.

Allie Baptiste seeks damages against former Grenada government minister

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that the Magistrate has satisfied himself that, as a matter of law, there is a prima facie case made out against the person, whose case he is considering.”[8]

Additionally, the Minister is “quite entitled to take the view that it was not open to him to come to a different conclusion from that of the...”[9] committing Magistrate or the High Court since it is absolutely clear that the Minister has no business sitting as a review or appellate court, so to speak, from the assessment and decisions made by the committal court and/or the High Court.

As Ramdhani J pithily opined “In considering whether a request was made in good faith, a second defendant (The Minister) does not superimpose himself into the judicial process which leads to a committal. He has no business reviewing the decision of the committing court.”[10] (My insert in bold).

[29] Our Court of Appeal examined the law in this regard when Leroy King[11] appealed Ramdhani J’s decision to that court. In refusing the appellant’s request that the court depart from Ramdhani J’s assessment, the Court of Appeal succinctly articulated the law on this issue to be that

“A minister exercising powers of return under section 14(2)(a) of the Extradition Act is not required in all cases to examine the quality of evidence on which committal for extradition was based and that such examination should only be in rare cases and for good cause. The learned judge in the case at bar accordingly held that having regard to the conclusions of the magistrate and the High Court judge, there was no arguable case that the Minister ought to, in the exercise of his judgment, personally examine afresh the quality of the evidence. The learned judge committed no error in so holding based on the evidence which was before him.”[12]

[30] It seems therefore from the foregoing that while it is accurate to define the ambit of the Minister’s discretion as being “wide and unstructured”[13] and even though it is within his discretion to so do, it would be indeed a rare case (on good cause) where he is obliged to consider afresh the quality of the evidence placed before the committing Magistrate and/or the High Court and indeed an even rarer case that the exercise of the ambit



Dr. Francis Alexis, QC- represented Allie Baptiste in the case

would permit him to take a view that is different from the committal court.

Therefore, in order to ground a private claim for damages on the grounds that the Minister acted negligently in such circumstances, a claimant would have to show on the pleadings and by evidence that his or her case falls within that fairly rare instance where the exercise of the Minister’s discretion obligated him or her to consider afresh the quality of evidence placed before the committing Magistrate and/or the High Court and that the Minister so failed to act.

My thoughts on the application of the law in this case

[34] Mr. Baptiste was afforded the opportunity to revisit the basis on which the committing Magistrate acted by applying pursuant to section 13 of the Act for a writ of habeas corpus. He adopted this route by applying before Price Findlay J for a writ of habeas corpus.

Mr. Baptiste could have also taken the opportunity to place fresh evidence before Price Findlay J on the habeas corpus application (see section 13(4) of the Act.) He has not indicated to me on this case whether he laid further evidence before the learned judge hearing the habeas corpus application. The habeas corpus application was refused by Price Findlay J.

All these antecedents were before the Minister when he was exercising the discretion to issue the surrender order. The Minister formed the view that he could not take a position any different from the committing Magistrate or the High Court.

This is since, as is correctly stated in the authorities, it is not part of the Minister’s remit to act as a review or an appellate body from either the decision of the committing

Magistrate or the High Court.

The Minister, rightly in my view, accepted that the matters canvassed before him by Mr. Baptiste were fully investigated by and adjudicated on by both the committing Magistrate and the High Court.

Curiously, Mr. Baptiste has not indicated to this court why he did not utilise the process recited at section 16(6) of the Act. That section afforded him another occasion to apply to the high court for a judicial review of the Minister’s decision to issue the surrender order within 15 days of the decision to extradite him. Rather, he has applied by ordinary action on a claim alleging negligence.

I have above set out the matters considered by the Minister when he sought to exercise the general discretion to order Mr. Baptiste’s surrender to the UK. It was incumbent on Mr. Baptiste to demonstrate on the facts that the Minister was obliged to consider afresh the quality of the evidence assessed by the committal court and that by his failure to do so, he exceeded the ambit of this discretion.

Mr. Baptiste has asserted that had the Minister further investigated the matter or instigated an investigation into the material he would have formed a view that was different from the committal court.

However, Mr. Baptiste has not presented to me any evidence that what he presented to the Minister falls within the category of those rare cases where one can say that the exercise of the Minister may have obliged him to consider afresh the quality of the evidence placed before the Magistrate.

In the circumstances, I do not agree that the Minister was obliged to investigate or have the material further interrogated. The Minister acted well within

the limits of the ambit of his discretion when he concluded that the material and indeed the contentions as to Mr. Baptiste’s innocence were already examined before the courts and as such he could not form any differ-

ent view or was obligated to conduct further enquiries or have them conducted.

Conclusion

[Based on the above assessment of matters in this case, I find that Mr.

Baptiste has failed to show that when the Minister decided to issue the order to surrender him to the UK, the Minister exceeded the ambit of the general discretion given to him by section 15(1) of the Act and that as a conse-

quence, Mr. Baptiste was entitled to file a private claim for damages.

The claim therefore fails. Mr. Baptiste is to pay costs to the defendant in the assessed sum of \$2,500.00.

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From: The Management of River Sallee Co-operative Credit Union.

New Grenada PM receives enthusiastic welcome in Brooklyn

In his maiden official visit to Brooklyn since his shocking election victory on June 23, in dethroning incumbent Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell, new Grenada Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell — no relation with the former leader — was enthusiastically received by nationals over the weekend.

Mitchell was the honored guest at a Dinner and Ball Saturday night, at Glen Terrace, on Avenue N in Brooklyn, organized by the New York Chapter of the incumbent National Democratic Congress (NDC).

Then, on Sunday, he was the featured speaker, at a Town Hall meeting, at the Claire Tow Theater at Brooklyn, also organized by the NDC affiliate.

On Sunday, over 500 Grenadians and friends of Grenada greeted the young prime minister with standing ovations at the beginning and end of his speech, and rendered applause throughout his presentation.

Mitchell — whose delega-

tion comprised, among others, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, Sen. David Andrew and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Export Development, Joseph Andall — told nationals that his administration is focused on transforming Grenada, particularly in education.

“If we are to transform Grenada, we have to transform the education system,” he said in his 35-minute address, echoing remarks made earlier by Andrew.

“From 1982, our education system has been stagnant,” he added before taking questions from the audience in the question-and-answer segment.

“There’s no reference in our education system to the sea, to the fish, to the preservation of fish.

“It is not that difficult to transform Grenada,” the prime minister continued.

“For the past 30-35 years, there was no leadership to do so. But that stopped on the 23rd of June



Grenada PM Dickon Mitchell addresses town hall at Brooklyn College on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022. Photo by Nelson A. King

(applause).

“A man who makes his money practicing law is not superior to the man who fished,” Mitchell said. “So, when you come back home to spend that money, it does not matter where the money came from — but that you worked hard for it.”

He said that, over the past 20 years, the culture in Grenada did not encourage people to

work.

“It was a mindset (by the previous administration) to buy their votes,” the prime minister charged. “We now have to re-dedicate. You should be working for substantially more.”

He said there’s no organized food storage and distribution system in Grenada, stating that, in the last 18 years, the country was not investing in “replanting our foods,”

he added. “We will feed our children with our food. At a policy level, I’m prepared to write (that) each child must eat a banana a day.

“It sounds simple, you can eat better; it’s healthier,” Mitchell continued. “As opposed to the chicken we import from Brazil, we can get fish from Carriacou and Petite Martinique (Grenada’s sister isles).

“For every threat or challenge, there’s an opportunity,” he said. “You don’t need me to inspire you. You have that Kirani James, you have Peters (Olympians). As long as you’re prepared to work, you can run your mouth until they Kingdom come.” Andrew said one of the things the NDC did was to inspire the Grenadian people.

“Today, we have a real opportunity to build on that dream,” he said in his maiden address. “One of the things is an increase in the morale of the staff (in the Ministry of Education). Since the 24th

of June, 2022, there has been a desire to come to work. People dress to come to work.”

Andrew said all schools in Grenada have been re-opened, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, despite the challenges.

“We want to put on record all involved — teachers, principals and the community,” he said. “We cannot afford the adversarial atmosphere like before. I promised to the principals — we promised to treat them with dignity and respect.”

In October, the Education, Sports and Culture Minister said sports will re-commence in schools in Grenada.

In addition, he said the government plans to institute free tuition in all elementary and secondary schools, and that, for the first time, there will be monthly subventions for pre-schools in the country.

Andrew said the administration also plans to transform Information Communications Technology (ICT).

“It’s good to know there

are several Grenadians should we need experience in ICT, early childhood education,” he said. “We’re very thrilled at the opportunity to set up a better and brighter Grenada.”

Emphasizing the NDC’s theme of “Working with Grenadians at home and abroad to move Grenada forward,” Andall urged nationals to submit proposals to the government to move the country forward.

“Curing, fish, agricultural produce, again, we’re asking you to come with your expertise and your money, and let us move Grenada forward,” he said. “We had Air Grenada many years ago. Please don’t ask me who made it disappear. I’m not going there (laughter from the audience, hinting about the previous administration).

“We’re going to cultivate relations with the Mother Continent (Africa),” Andall added. “As the motto goes, ‘let the people’s voices be heard.’”

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**FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
GRENADA**

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IN THE ESTATE OF **JOCELYN MAY OREEN ANDREW** LATE ORIGINALLY OF THE PARISH OF SAINT PATRICK IN THE STATE OF GRENADA BUT WHO RESIDED AT CURWEN ROAD, UNITED KINGDOM, **DECEASED.**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Jill Robinson** of Golf Course in the parish of Saint George in the state of Grenada, for a Grant of:

1. Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 9th day of May, 2020.

Any person having an objection to the Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 05th day of August 2022

Dr Dawn De Coteau
Attorney at Law for the Applicant
EMA Solutions Legal Services

Filed by: EMA Solutions Legal Services, whose address for services is: 2nd Floor, The Connections, Kirani James Boulevard, St. George's, Grenada. Tele: 435 5855.

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

GRENADA

IN THE ESTATE OF KENIEL GULSTON LATE OF LA SAGESSE IN THE PARISH OF SAINT DAVID AND STATE OF GRENADA, DECEASED.

In the estate of **KENIEL GULSTON DECEASED**, late of La Sagesse in the parish of Saint David and State of Grenada.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Karreen Francis-Gulston** for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the wife of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 19th day of March 2022.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

Dated the 13th day of September 2022

Tanya K. Lambert
Attorney-at Law

This application is filed by Tanya K. Lambert, Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is St. George.



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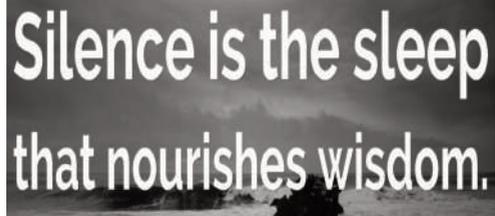
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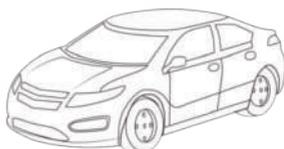
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
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 HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
 (PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF NORD CHATIFIELD PUNCH, (DECEASED)

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application for a Grant of Letters of Administration has been filed by, Naulene Punch-Francis of Seamount in the Parish of Saint Andrew in the State of Grenada daughter of the deceased and one of the persons entitled to his estate, the deceased having died intestate on the 18th day of May, 2022.

Any persons having an objection to the Application for Grant of Letters of Administration shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated 5th day of September, 2022

Evette John

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 Law Office of Evette John
 Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by Law Office of Evette John, Chambers, Cherry Hill, St. George, Attorneys-at-Law for the Defendants; Tel./ Fax. No. 473-440-8273, E-mail: evettejohn@gmail.com

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Grenadian PM says Caribbean politics seeing progressive wind of change

Grenadian Prime Minister, Dickon Mitchell, says a progressive wind is blowing throughout the Caribbean with citizens embracing political change.

"It is a fascinating time for the politics of our region. Recent elections have reflected the shift in thinking with voters trending towards progressive, centre left philosophies with strong grassroots support," he said.

Mitchell was the guest speaker at the People's National Party's (PNP) 'Evening of Excellence', an event to commemorate the party's 84th annual conference.

Mitchell's National Democratic Congress

Party ousted longstanding Keith Mitchell's New National Party in June, winning nine of the 15 seats.

Representatives from the St Lucia Labour Party and St Kitts and Nevis Labour Party were also present at the PNP event.

"It is by no accident that the parties who are represented here tonight from the Caribbean are all progressive centre left," Mitchell said.

"I have no doubt that their presence here tonight signals where the wind will blow," he said to much applause from comrades.

Mitchell asserted that the PNP has been instrumental in shaping Jamaican politics, noting



From left: Julian Robinson, Member of Parliament for St Andrew South Eastern, Dr Peter Phillips, former Leader of the Opposition, Mark Golding, President of the People National Party (PNP), in conversation with Prime Minister of Grenada, Dickon Mitchell, at the PNP's Evening of Excellence held at Little Theatre in St Andrew on September 15, 2022. - Nicholas Nunes photo.

that the 84 party is older than Jamaica.

However, he cautioned about the challenges that this might pose.

"Eighty-four years of service to the people of Jamaica is a significant milestone and carries not only the pride of singular service but also encompasses the burden of future casting for relevance. We are gathered here tonight for this very purpose...connecting, sharing and building to ensure that past successes do not petrify into future complacency but are reimagined to satisfy the needs of our Jamaican, Grenadian and Caribbean society."

He added; "It was merely a few months ago, that I too was in the seat of

the opposition seeking to shift the status quo by offering new solutions to the challenges that plagued the Grenadian society for decades."

Mitchell argues that Caribbean leaders should aim to create a transformative vision for their countries, one where the past is acknowledged but is released to welcome the future.

"My decision to come here tonight was not without some pressure. Such pressure from

across the Atlantic who called repeatedly to ask whether I'll be jumping on a plane to go to another island to mark the passing of another event," he said.

"My focus, and our focus, should not be on that past but on progressive ideas and the future of Caribbean politics as we assume responsibility of repositioning Caribbean civilisation for the future that we want and the future that we deserve."

Budget Time Again

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based businesses.

Improved economic infrastructure is required to support the transformative agenda. This has implications for telecommunication and internet networks, public utilities of water and electricity, the road network, and seaport and airport facilities.

The proposals in the budget should reflect the unique circumstances of a tri-island state, and the infrastructural needs for connectivity and the development of the marine resources in Carriacou and Petit Martinique.

While some of these areas are not directly under the control of Central Government, the Government should be influential in the developments in these areas through its participation in public enterprises.

The efficient delivery of social services is critical to the development of the transformed economy. Therefore, the proposals from the Ministries of Health, Education and Social Development should feature prominently in the Medium-term Economic and Social Development Strategy, and elements should be included in the 2023 national budget.

In health, the main proposals are for the construction of a modern hospital with teaching facilities, introduction of national health insurance, provision of health services in communities and support for the training of personnel for the delivery of health services.

The main proposals in education include the provision of free education up to the community level; reforming the curriculum to incorporate training in areas that would support transformative industries, the digital economy, sports, and culture; providing voca-

tional education; and strengthening community facilities to make education accessible to the population.

The policy decision has been taken to provide free education up to the secondary school level. This would need to be extended to the community college level.

The budget should include proposals to address the plight of the no-income and low-income segments of the population. Therefore, there should be policies for influencing the distribution of income through the rationalisation of the social safety net programme, proposals for the review of the minimum wage and the modification of the tax system to ensure that it is not over burdensome on the population.

Major planks for people empowerment and wealth creation are the proposals for increasing the housing stock and regularizing the land titles for holders of government lands.

Elements of the policies, programmes, and projects for transforming the economy must be identifiable in the 2023 national budget. The Medium-term Economic and Social Development Strategy should incorporate most of the proposals for transforming the economy, and these should be manifested in the Public Sector Investment Programme.

Appropriate targets and benchmarks should be included in the Medium-term Economic and Social Development Strategy to facilitate the monitoring and evaluation of the transformation of the economy.

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(Laurel Bain is a Grenadian-born former economist with the St. Kitts-based Eastern Caribbean Central Bank)

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At Mr. Date's retirement in 1978 as Agency Manager, the Society's operation had grown tremendously and was therefore upgraded to a Branch. Mrs. Jean Renwick, who had worked with Mr. Date since 1964, was appointed the first Branch Manager and simultaneously, Agency Manager. Serving alongside Mrs. Renwick was Messrs. John Thomas and Toni Francis, Agency Managers who joined the Society in 1959 and 1977 respectively. Mr. Thomas brought much drive and enthusiasm to the business and was highly successful, his Agency being the top one for a number of years. Other Agency Managers over the years were: Thomas Alexis and Gordon Humphrey.

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Public Corruption Uncovered in Public Service

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determine their compliance levels to the legislation that governs their operations, anti-corruption practices, and administrative practices. "When we receive their responses, we analyse this, and then along with our Operations Manager we prepare a report that goes first of all, to the Commission, and thereafter, upon the instructions and guidance of the Commission the report is then passed on or will be passed on because we have not yet passed on any of those reports that we have prepared (on) to the institutions," the IC Organisational Compliance Officer informed. "And, it's not just a matter of passing them on but going and sitting with the heads of these insti-

tutions and discussing what we've recognised, what their strengths and their weaknesses are and giving advice as to how they can or what it is they can implement to improve in the areas where they are weak." Humphrey-Best told **THE NEW TODAY** that "because the matter is still before our Commission," she was not inclined to disclose the discoveries that have been made at this time, however, assured that the information will be revealed once the process reaches the stage where the information can be made public. Under the Integrity in Public Life Act of 2013, which established the Integrity Commission, Commissioners have a legal duty to keep confidential some of the infor-

mation received and can face a fine of EC\$20,000 or 12 years imprisonment, while other stakeholders and providers can face a fine of \$200,000. Grenada is the home of the Center for Excellence in terms of the training of senior management personnel both in statutory bodies, and the public sector. Head of the Commission Anande Trotman-Joseph said the Commission has "been calling corruption for what it is in a way that has never happened before in the history of Grenada, and the Caribbean as a whole..." She also expressed the view that "we are beginning to see a culture shift to one of accountability and transparency" as the Commission works to stamp out corruption in

Grenada. According to Trotman-Joseph, the Commission has been "receiving complaints, some of them meeting the criteria of the Act, some not." "And, in response what we do is that we do training," at least "two times a year," in which statutory bodies, their heads CEO, boards, and public sector management generally, are engaged in training and education so that they will know what is expected of them," she explained. Trotman-Joseph said that sessions are also held within the Customs Department, Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF), as well as the Grenada Cabinet and revealed that the Commission was scheduled to meet with the new Cabinet of Prime

Minister Dickon Mitchell last week Friday, as part of a global best practice. Additionally, the IC Head stated that the Commission is "also undertaking some organisational reviews across the board," including with the Physical Planning Unit, which has been identified, along with the Marketing and National Importing Board (MNIB), by Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, as state-owned entities that "require major urgent attention," as the government rolls out its transformational agenda. "We've gone also to the Physical Planning department prior, and again, we are working with them", said Trotman-Joseph, who also alluded to the Commission facilitating additional training upon the request of



Organisational Compliance Officer at the Integrity Commission Nicole Humphrey-Best - several public sector reports are currently being assessed by the Commission some organisations, such as the Grenada Industry Development Corporation (GIDC), and the Carriacou Festivals Board. She said the Commission is "using a preventative approach" in terms of providing education and training as to what is expected, what is required, and where private sector entities are going wrong.

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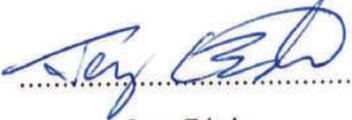
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HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(PROBATE)

IN THE ESTATE OF RAWLE SEARLES, DECEASED.
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Pheona Mitchell who is the mother of Liam Joshua Mitchell a child of the deceased for Grant of Letters of Administration. The deceased having died intestate on the 22nd day of April, 2022.

Any persons having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of publication of this Notice.

Dated: 8th day of June, 2022


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INCLUSIVE THEREOF

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY PAUL MC MEO
FOR A POSSESSORY TITLE DECLARATION IN RESPECT OF A PARCEL OF LAND
MEASURING FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND TWELVE SQUARE FEET
(5,412 SQ FT.) AT VINCENNES IN THE PARISH OF ST. DAVID'S
IN THE STATE OF GRENADA

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Applicant, Paul McMeo of Vincennes in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada, by his Application filed in the High Court of Justice on the 13th day of September, 2022, claims to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the parcel of land described in the Schedule to this Notice, and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now All Persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers and once in the Government Gazette.

Schedule

ALL THAT LOT piece or parcel of land part of a larger lot situate at Vincennes, St. David's containing by admeasurement Five Thousand Four Hundred and Twelve Square Feet (5,412 Sq. Ft.) English Statute measure and abutted and bounded on the south by the Vincennes public road and on the north and remaining sides by lands of Holder Lett as the same is delineated and described in the plan or diagram thereof drawn and signed by Licensed Land Surveyor Chester Bedeau, based on a survey of the lot carried out on the 25th day of April, 2003.


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PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNCOVERED IN PUBLIC SERVICE

It's almost three (3) months since the National Democratic Congress (NDC) of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell defeated the long-standing Keith Mitchell-led New National Party (NNP) regime in the June 23 election poll, and at least two (2) government ministers have revealed the discovery of a series of corrupt practices and operations within the public service, which will soon be revealed to the general public.

According to Minister for Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs Tevin Andrew, the reality, based on some of the things that were taking place is that "in some cases, some people had to make a jail (but) they didn't make the jail (and were instead) given a tap on the hand..."

The senior government minister was at the time addressing some of the challenges he has encountered since assuming office while appearing on a radio programme on the sister isle of Carriacou last week Thursday.

He said that "there is so much corruption" within his ministry and spoke of "one (1) entity that collected millions of dollars in one year" for services that are unaccounted for.

He also took issue with the fact that "the rules and regulations of the institutions are not being followed" to allow for "the public service to function the way it ought to."

Also appearing on the programme was Youth, Sports and Culture Minister, Ron Redhead, who disclosed that "the Prime Minister is going to give the nation a full update as to the stage, the state and the situation

of evidence of public corruption on one hand, and some of the inconsistencies that we have found on the other."

"We have been able to observe a great deal of corruption, and what we are doing is to slowly but surely dismantle that," he said.

"As Min. Andrews mentioned, in his ministry, there is corruption, in my ministry there is serious corruption. In fact, Min. Andrews mentioned some should have made a jail, in my ministry some will make a jail," he declared.

The Integrity Commission (IC), which is the organisation that is responsible for ensuring there is integrity among public officers and public corporations, held a training session for media workers last week Thursday, as part of the 2022 Centre for Excellence Series Senior Leadership, and Management Training under the theme "Strengthening and Sustaining Integrity in the Grenada Public Sector Systems."

Organisational Compliance Officer at the IC, Nicole Humphrey-Best shared the Commission's work in terms of SWOT analysis to get the pulse and temperature of how public sector organisations are being run.

In response to a question posed by **THE NEW TODAY** during the question and answer segment of the approximately 2-hour session, Humphrey-Best explained that the process involves a systems assessment questionnaire that is administered online to the various statutory bodies, ministries, and departments, which seeks to



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Head of the Integrity Commission Lady Anande Trotman-Joseph - the body is undertaking some organisational reviews across the board



Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell - will soon update the nation on the evidence of public corruption and inconsistencies found

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