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Labour Day Truck Driver Arraigned

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Relatives packed a courtroom yesterday, afternoon as 22-year-old Travis Lamar Sawyer stood before a magistrate to face four counts of manslaughter by negligence.

The charges are in connection with the 2018 Labour Day Parade accident that ended in the deaths of four women – Tabitha Haye, Tami Gibson, Dianne Gray-Ferguson and Kathleen Fernander.

It is alleged that while on the parade, Sawyer left his truck unattended.

From all accounts, the vehicle picked up speed as it



► Photo taken from the scene of the 2018 Labour Day Parade Tragedy. (Journal file photo)

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AG AIMS TO PROTECT WHISTLE BLOWERS

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

The fight against corruption comes at a cost and the government is willing to pay in terms of looking to better protect whistleblowers – those who expose corruption or wrongdoing – but risk being driven to the point of bankruptcy for doing so.

Attorney General Carl Bethel addressed the issue before heading into cabinet yesterday and said people can at times be judgmental, which has in turn proven to be a real disincentive in the fight against all levels of corruption.

He said, “the whistle blowers protection division in the Freedom of Information Act provide a measure of protection for those who are in some kind of gainful employment. We have to decide what we do with persons who are whistle blowers who may have a different employment method, whether it’s by contracting with the government or otherwise.”

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26 Arrested in Abaco

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Five women are among 26 arrested in the Abacos following a joint operation that saw some two dozen officers comb the island in a hunt for prolific offenders.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Clayton Fernander revealed to reporters that police discovered illegal firearms, drugs and an undisclosed amount

of cash.

“We recovered two pistols with ammunition and we have four individuals who at some point during the week will be charged for the possession of those weapons.”

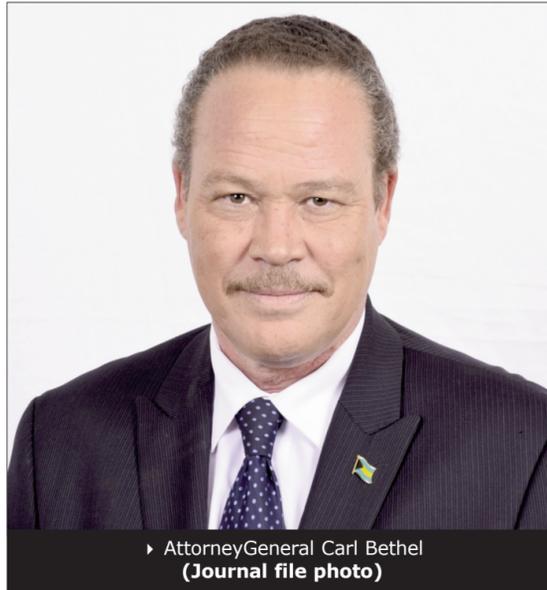
“We also recovered a good amount of marijuana and two individuals were arrested with large amounts of money totaling just over \$100,000 that they cannot give a satisfactory account for and other persons was

arrested for questioning in reference to various offenses.

“The persons with respect to the firearm and the cash are in route to Nassau and will be dealt with on this end,” ACP Fernander said.

While on the ground, the officers made a gruesome discovery after 6:00 Monday evening. They

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► Attorney General Carl Bethel (Journal file photo)

Gov't to meet with Webshop Bosses

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

The government is set to meet with Webshop gaming house representatives this week to discuss the merits of the injunction currently in the Supreme Court.

This came from Attorney General Carl Bethel who said they need time to get their case together before

having this meeting.

“We were hoping to hold one on Monday, but that didn’t transpire but hopefully sometime this week we are going to have a meeting,” the AG said.

Following the last court hearing Supreme Court Justice Indra Charles recommended that both parties sit and discuss the merits of the case.

Legal representative for TIG Investments, Wayne Munroe QC said that as of last week there were outstanding correspondents from before the court case to which the government never responded to.

He added that Justice Charles can make the recommendation, but cannot force the government to do anything.

The Attorney General added that before meeting they first needed to marshal their case should the need arise.

He said, “as of last week we didn’t meet because we were trying to marshal our case and get in position all of the things that we needed done in order to present our

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PINTARD TAKEN ABACK BY BNT'S COMMENTS

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

Agriculture Minister Michael Pintard told reporters yesterday that he was taken aback by the Bahamas National Trust’s concerns that officials are exploring the expansion of commercial fishing to

include pelagic species like tuna.

The minister assured, however, that there has been no such conversation.

He said, “neither administration is prepared to reverse the decision made. We do not support longline fishing or

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Climate Change Impacts Sustainable Tourism

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

The impact of climate change on global economies makes it imperative that the Caribbean region begins to recognize threats on the tourism industry, as well as the standard of life. This was the focus of a workshop in New Providence yesterday in a Sustainable tourism and disaster risk management meeting in the Caribbean.

The opening address came from Tourism Director General, Joy Jibrilu, who underscored the vulnerability of small islands.

Participants heard how the recent impact of climate change on global economies makes it imperative that the region begins to recognize threats on the tourism

industry, as well as the standard of life.

"While climate change impacts the development of all nations, notwithstanding size of economy or location, Small Island nations are more vulnerable than any group of nations worldwide to the ravaging impact of climate change," said Ms. Jibrilu.

"Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are more susceptible to the likes of sea level rise, coastal erosion and storm surges due to the fact that some one third of our population reside on land that is less than five meters below sea level."

The director general added that with increased average temperatures, droughts, flooding due to frequent and severe weather events and rising sea levels, SIDS will be increasingly

challenged with vector and waterborne diseases like dengue, diarrheal disease and malaria, all of which threaten the health of visitors and residents.

"Such outbreaks can have negative impacts on our human resource impacting the quality of service of our visitors and local clients alike," she added.

"Meanwhile, the onset of droughts will not only impact our access to clean and healthy supply of water and sanitation, but also poses a challenge to our food security."

The impacts of climate change can be monumental to SIDS resulting in environmental, social and economic consequences to inhabitants such as water resources, agriculture and food security, human health and coastal assets.



▶ Tourism Director General, Joy Jibrilu (Journal file photo)

D'Aguilar: Govt. to be relentless in efforts to restore Grand Bahama

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

The Government of The Bahamas will be relentless in its efforts to restore the island of Grand Bahama to the levels of economic prosperity that will allow Grand Bahamians to "earn a living that will more than adequately support them and their families," Minister of Tourism and Aviation, the Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar said in the House of Assembly Thursday.

"As a government, we are singularly committed to the expansion of our economy to ensure an equitable livelihood for all Bahamians. This commitment embraces the people of Grand Bahama," Mr. D'Aguilar said. "The sustainable growth of the national economy of The Bahamas depends on the economic recovery of Grand Bahama."

Minister D'Aguilar said the purchase of the Grand Lucayan and its eventual redevelopment could be the catalyst to Grand Bahama's rebirth -- a chance to improve the mood and confidence level on island, and the opportunity to provide a new destination, unique from other islands "and really allow for a proper re-branding of Grand Bahama."

(The Tourism and Aviation Minister said the Government is positioning Grand Bahama as a multi-destination vacation paradise catering to all tastes.)

"Grand Bahama's awe-

inspiring natural assets -- outback forests, mangroves, extensive cave systems, miles of secluded beaches and surrounding seas teeming with trophy fish and an underwater wonderland, will easily allow us to entrench the island as an eco-tourism paradise and haven for fishing, diving and birding," he said.

"On the drawing board are plans to make Grand Bahama a mecca for world-class sporting events from road races, cycling, kayaking, sailing, golf, tennis and sports retreats."

Minister D'Aguilar said the government's negotiation of the return of the Grand Celebration Cruise Ship and the introduction of a second ship, the Grand Classica -- bringing daily Ferry Service to Freeport from South Florida -- have been part of the government's efforts to bring more stopover passengers to Grand Bahama.

"We have seen significant improvement in the total number of passengers coming to Freeport, and we have now focused all of our incentives in getting more of those passengers to get off the ship and spend a couple of nights in Freeport with the full knowledge that, with daily service, they can stay as long as they want and return whenever they are ready," Mr. D'Aguilar said.

Grand Bahama experienced a 7 per cent increase in Cruise/Ferry passengers during the first six months of 2018, which Minister D'Aguilar said was due pri-

marily to the introduction of new and now daily ferry services from South Florida.

Mr. D'Aguilar said the increase, which amounted to an additional 26,000 passengers compared to the first six months of 2017, was also a result of the introduction of new incentives "which now pay ferry operators based upon the number of passengers they bring and rewards them even more if those passengers choose to stop over and spend the night in Freeport."

The Tourism and Aviation Minister said officials have already begun to address questions surrounding appropriate levels of airlift into Grand Bahama.

He said American Airlines has "already committed" to a second day flight from Miami to Freeport in the winter of 2018/2019. Other airline partners have indicated their willingness to work with The Bahamas in bringing additional air seats to the destination once hotel rooms are open and demand picks up.

"The flow of visitors to Grand Bahama is further augmented by nonstop, scheduled/charter flights from Milan, Italy," Minister D'Aguilar said.

Bahamasair, Minister D'Aguilar said, will also play a vital role in "bringing more airlift to Grand Lucayan." The Minister said he has requested officials at Bahamasair to work together with the Grand Lucayan to immediately create attractive packages to

the property.

"Recovery for Grand Bahama is a matter of course because the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with major industry stakeholders, has laid out a sound

plan of economic expansion for the island," Mr. D'Aguilar said.

"To the people of Grand Bahama, we, the Government of The Bahamas, pledge our

resolve to be relentless in our efforts to restore your island to levels of economic prosperity that will allow you to earn a living that will more than adequately sustain you and your families."



MINISTRY OF FINANCE

PUBLIC TENDER

VESSEL FOR PURCHASE

The Ministry of Finance advises that the following vessel has been forfeited to the Crown following breaches of the Fisheries Resources Jurisdiction and Conservation Act and resulting in the selling by Tender:

Vessel	Description
Name of Vessel: Brailyn	Brailyn
Manufactured By: Unknown	Unknown
Make: Unknown	Unknown
Model Year: Unknown	Unknown

*The Brailyn is a 53ft. fibreglass hull fishing vessel with extensive modifications. This vessel is equipped with Twin Detroit 6V Marne Diesel engines and one (1) four cylinder Cummins 35kw generator.

Interested persons may view the vessel by visiting the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Base, located on Coral Harbour, between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday from September 10, 2018 to September 28, 2018.

Bids should be addressed in a sealed envelope to **The Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance, 1st Floor Cecil Wallace Whitfield Building, West Bay Street by 5:00 pm on September 28, 2018.**

The face of the envelope should bear the words "Tender for Confiscated Vessel".

Each successful bidder will be required to make full payment to the Public Treasury, Nassau, Bahamas by cash, certified cheque, or credit/ debit cards for the vehicle being purchased within ten (10) working days of being notified by the Ministry of Finance. The successful bidder will be responsible for making full arrangements for the removal of the vessel within two (2) working days after full payment has been made.

The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the items are being sold "as is where is" with no warranty to be implied or inferred. For vessels that are not registered in The Bahamas no guarantee is given as to its eligibility for registration elsewhere.

Marlon Johnson
(Actg.) Financial Secretary

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case should the need arise.”

The AG stressed that the opposing side should understand that they needed the time to get their case together and now they are in a position to sit down and have a discussion.

Mr. Munroe added that their main issue with the taxes is that no consulta-

tion was made on these taxes which he termed discriminatory.

Even after the government decides on a proper percentage on the sliding scale tax, Mr. Munroe said they will still feel the tax is discriminatory.

Both sides are expected to meet back in court on October 5th.

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found a body in the sand on the beach in crossing rock.

“Based on the decomposed body recovered in Crossing Rock, Abaco, we can't confirm at this time, but we suspect that it may be one of the individuals or the person alleged to have gotten

shot and the body disappeared along with the individual responsible.

“We are not certain. There is still the autopsy and some other things that we have to do to confirm, but the preliminaries that we know at this time show that it is a possibility that it can be that person; so the investigation is ongoing,” he said.

Police are relying on an autopsy report to confirm both the victim's identity as well as his cause of death.

ACP Fernander gave the assurance that operation Tidal Surge – as dubbed - is just one of many operations to come in hopes of arresting those inclined to make their escape to the Family Islands.

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Interested persons can contact the Administrative Officer at the said facility for permission to inspect the premises. To obtain a copy of the Scopes of Work and additional information, please contact any of the following telephone numbers: 502-47004780/4831.

All Tender documents are to be placed in a sealed envelope marked: "To Tenders Board"
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NEMA participates in Bahamas First education forum on hurricane preparedness



► The National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, participated in Bahamas First General Insurance Company's second public forum dubbed -- Hurricane Prep 101 -- at the Harry C. Moore Library at the University of the Bahamas, on Saturday, September 22, 2018. Pictured from left are Captain Stephen Russell, Director of NEMA; Caroline Turnquest, Bahamas Red Cross; Leonard Sands, Bahamas Contractors Association; Patrick Ward, CEO Bahamas First Group of Companies; and Jerome Knowles, Confidence Insurance. **(BIS Photos/Derek Smith)**

The National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, participated in Bahamas First General Insurance Company's second public forum dubbed -- Hurricane Prep 101 -- on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

The trade show and public forum was held at the Harry C. Moore Library at the University of The Bahamas, where scores of people received first-hand practical advice on how to safeguard their homes, valuables and businesses during hurricane season.

NEMA and representatives of its national disaster consultative committee participated in the trade show and offered hurricane preparedness tips and basic emergency supplies.

Captain Stephen Russell, Director of NEMA participated in the public forum which covered the gamut of household and content insurance, how to properly construct homes to the national building code, the installation of hurricane shutters, generators, emergency shelter needs and other related topics. Other panelists were Caroline Turnquest, Bahamas Red Cross; Leonard Sands, Bahamas Contractors Association; Jerome Knowles, Confidence Insurance, and Patrick Ward, CEO Bahamas First Group of Companies.

NEMA's members of the national disaster consultative committee present were: The Bahamas Department of Meteorology, the Department of Social Services, Bahamas Power & Light Company Ltd., Bahamas Red Cross and the Ministry of Works.

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs June 1 to November 30.



► Members of the public take advantage of household insurance advice and hurricane preparedness tips during Bahamas First General Insurance Company's second public forum dubbed -- Hurricane Prep 101 -- held at the Harry C Moore Library at the University of the Bahamas on Saturday, September 22, 2018. **(BIS Photos/Derek Smith)**



► Captain Stephen Russell, Director of NEMA, being engaged in dialogue on hurricane preparedness tips, during the Bahamas First General Insurance Company second public forum dubbed - Hurricane Prep 101 - held at the Harry C. Moore Library at the University of the Bahamas on Saturday, September 22, 2018. **(BIS Photos/Derek Smith)**

THE RIGHT FRAME OF MIND FOR BUSINESS EFFECTIVENESS

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygård's Golden Jubilee detailing his rags to riches story and incredible business success over these past fifty years. The Clifton Review will take an inside look at how he did it.

Unfortunately, setting the right foundation for individuals you employ is an important step that is often overlooked by too many business leaders especially given how essential it is to lining up employees with business goals.

You have to communicate what your company is all about, where the company is trying to go and what the company is trying to achieve.

Certainly most companies put employees through an orientation process. But, if we look at it critically, we'll admit that, more often than not, it is limited to providing info about employee jobs and how to use those machines or systems related to them performing their jobs.

There are several reasons why setting the right foundation makes good business sense:

Setting the right foundation is key to being able to align your employees with your business purpose, strategies and objectives. Success will not happen without aligning your employees with what you are trying to achieve.

Remember the example of the financial services company where receptionists were not aware of new financial services products and therefore turned customers away when they inquired? This is a costly mistake that you most definitely want to avoid.

Setting the right foundation to align your employees with your business direction makes it exponentially more possible to achieve your business goals.

Setting the right foundation has the added benefit of keeping employees more motivated. An associate from fashion mogul Peter Nygård's company once expressed that she liked the weekly updates they get because it made her feel a part of the company, and she liked that they cared enough to keep employees updated.

In order to set the foundation in a way that is effective, you have to pretend for a moment that your employees are your business partners.

THE CLIFTON REVIEW

By P. J. Malone

The Clifton Review is a bi-weekly column that examines the question of the Clifton project along with the evolution of the war between two billionaires, the links to unsavory characters, the use of the courts for personal agendas, the involvement of the Government opposition party (the FNM), and the attacks on the Government of The Bahamas.

Why? Because you look to business partners to help you achieve your business goals. And if you think about it, that's what employees do, in essence.

If you had a business partner that you looked to to help you achieve your business goals, you would tell them everything about the company so that they could be effective in helping you. You truly wouldn't expect a partner to be effective without them knowing what the company is all about, what you are trying to achieve, and what strategies you want to implement.

So, if you truly want your employees to work toward your business objectives and help you achieve your business goals, pretend that employees are your business partners whom you need to tell everything to.

Seeing your employees as business partners has other benefits as well.

It tends to motivate employees to work harder: People like to feeling needed. A common discovery is that when you give employees responsibilities at work, they tend to step up to the plate and work to meet those responsibilities, generally speaking.

It makes it easier to line up everyone to work toward your business objectives and goals and makes it more likely for you to achieve them.

It makes your job a lot easier if employees are working with you and not against you, which can sometimes happen unintentionally.

Once you develop this mindset, then setting the foundation is a natural evolution.

We will continue this discussion in our upcoming article.

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E D I T O R I A L

Talk is Cheap

One of the more interesting facts of the matter which clearly register in the minds of any and all who get to that sweet-power place named 'chairman' of this or 'chairperson' of that!

Evidently, Chairman of The Board would be considered the best of the best as far as high political posts are concerned in today's deeply politicized Bahamas.

And thus—as it were- in this corner stands [or sits]: Carl Culmer.

And in that other space, we find none other than: Attorney Frederick Audley Mitchell.

One represents the May 10th. 2017 winners, The Free National Movement and the other, the Progressive Liberal Party, trounced on that same fateful May 10th. 2017 day.

Thus today, we take note: They who have been given the mandate are now giving tangible expression of how it now arises that—having been authorised to take certain actions- the Minnis administration is moving along quite smartly.

This is what the victors are allowed to do with their great triumph over their political adversaries!

And thus, notwithstanding warning piled upon warning against buying that hotel on Grand Bahama island, the victors did their victory thing; this as they allege that: The purchase was necessary in the interest of Grand Bahama and the country.

Now take note: Politicians are truly amazing people; this being the case precisely because these types of human beings can and do—on occasion-promise the people every little thing they can ever desire.

But yet—as we all know- promises are but comfort to fools.

But for sure, we also know that whilst you can fool some of the people some of the times, you sure cannot fool all of the people all of the time.

And thus, today we are simply not impressed with much of what Free National Movement Chairman recently said from his party-level posting in the now governing FNM-led administration.

Carl Culmer also indicated that despite the challenges the Minnis administration

inherited, particularly those relating to the economy, the FNM is still viewed as the best option for the country by Bahamians.

We really wonder!

And too we wonder about how it now arises that Minister of Finance, the Peter Turnquest could say that he believes the government may be able to get a return when it eventually sells the resort.

What a sad way of framing and putting all of this in some scales directed towards justice of some sort for the long-suffering Bahamian people.

With this in mind, then, and also [as prelude to today's opinion, we note that:

"...Carl Culmer said the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) cannot afford for the government to do well if it is to have a chance of becoming the government in the next election cycle..."

As Culmer has also said: "...The PLP realizes there is no hope for them in 2022, so they will continue to [name] the negatives. They will continue to go out there and say it is not a good deal. But my question to them [is]: You were in power five years—what did you do to help Grand Bahama move where it needed to go? And Bahamians do not want to hear talk. They want to see action..."

Who says any of this?

Interestingly, it is also being alleged that Culmer does verily believe [as he is said to have opined]: "...This is the motivation for the opposition's stance against the government's decision to purchase the Grand Lucayan resort in Freeport..."

Our simple question is this: How did Culmer reach this strange conclusion?

Now what we do know is that "...The opposition [Progressive Liberal Party has labelled the purchase a bad deal..."

And for sure, since the proof of the pudding is in the eating of said pudding, all we can do is wait and pray [regardless of Opposition opinion].

In time, then, we shall all know whether the deal was good, bad or indifferent.

Be reminded: Talk is cheap!

Evidently, therefore, promises remain but comfort to fools; and clearly, too: Time will tell whether the FNM gets it either right or wrong with their Lucayan Hotel gamble!

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'Labour on the Blocks Job Fair at C.V. Bethel High School'



► The Ministry of Labour held its eighth 'Labour on the Blocks Job Fair at C.V. Bethel High School' on Saturday, September 22, 2018, thereby convenient for residents of Bamboo Town, Pinewood, South Beach, Garden Hills and Nassau Village to meet representatives of business and training. At job fairs, prospective employees could be interviewed on the spot, and sometimes jobs could be had right at the site. The Department of Labour encourages all job seekers in The Bahamas or abroad, and employers with vacancies, to register in the Department's recruitment database: www.jobseekers.bahamas.gov.bs Pictured is Minister of Labour, the Hon. Dion Foulkes at Saturday's Job Fair. (BIS Photos/Kristaan Ingham)



Request for Marine Surveyors

The Ministry of Finance is seeking experienced marine surveyors to conduct appraisal reports on vessels that have been confiscated and awarded to the Crown following breaches of the Fisheries Resources Jurisdiction and Conservation Act and the Dangerous Drugs Act.

Please note that submissions from interested persons should include the following:

- Qualifications
- Experiences

Also persons responding to this request should possess the following:

- A valid business license
- A Valid Identification
- Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC)
- A valid letter from National Insurance stating contribution status
- Copy of VAT Registration Certification (TIN)

The expression of interest should be sent electronically via e-mail or post/ delivered in a sealed envelope. Electronic submissions must be circulated to leronneely@bahamas.gov.bs with the subject of "Marine Surveyor".

Conventional mail submissions should be delivered to the following address:

Mr. Marlon Johnson
Actg. Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace- Whitfield Centre,
West Bay Street,
Nassau, New Providence

The envelope must be identified with "Marine Surveyor".

Responses to this request must be submitted, using one of the submission methods described above, by 5:00 p.m. September 28, 2018.

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any other unsafe fishing practices."

He added, "we are committed to exploring new revenue streams for the fisheries sector that includes examining different pelagic species to see which of them might in fact be feasible for us to harvest."

The Minister said the

objective is to allow science to dictate the government's plans moving forward.

He said, "any species we look at, we look at what the international protocols are. Secondly, we'll look at the stock and determine whether or not it is at a sufficient level that we can sustainably harvest it and sell it locally and internationally."

He added, "there would

be a stakeholder consultation. So, we've met with all the NGO's inclusive of the BNT and there has not been any issues that we have been on a separate page."

The Minister said the goal is to facilitate local empowerment.

He also mentioned that quite several species are set to be discussed within the ministry soon.

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rolled down East Hill Street, killing the named four, injuring dozens.

Sawyer, a resident of

Silver Gates, was not required to enter a plea when he appeared before Deputy Chief Magistrate, Subsusola Swain.

He was not granted bail.

He was instead remanded to The Bahamas Department of Correctional Services until November 13 at 10:00am, for service of voluntary bill of indictment.

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He added, "The government will bring forward a full Whistle Blowers Protection Act to clarify this, because we have to decide as a people what society we want to live in. If we say that we are opposed to corruption, then whistle blowers

should not be given an economic death sentence when they step forward and reveal alleged acts of corruption."

The AG's comments come as some question the payments made to Johnathon Ash, the man involved in a case of former cabinet minister, Shane Gibson. Gibson is alleged to have solicited

thousands of dollars from Ash while in office.

He said, "they are installment payments on an acknowledged debt that the Ministry of Finance met of its books when we came to office."

Meantime, Gibson's high-profile case continues in early November 2018.