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"MORTON HAS GOV'T IN BACK POCKET,"

Says Union President

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

It has been said that Morton Salt has the government 'in their back pocket', as there is still no sign of a resolution between union members in Inagua and

the salt company.

President of the Bahamas Industrial Manufacturers and Allied Workers Union (BIMAWU) Jennifer Brown told The Journal that the company has been telling the government that the union's issues are

all lies.

"If you have a situation, and the government isn't even trying to address the issues, what does that say? As far as the people in Inagua are concerned, the company

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Officers Undergo Financial Investigation Training

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Law Enforcement Officers of the Financial Crime Unit and the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Royal Bahamas Police Force are undergoing a two week training with the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) and the

European Union (EU), on Financial Investigation Accreditation Training.

The training is anticipated to provide the units' representatives participating, with the skills to investigate financial crimes inclusive of money laundering and counter-terrorism.

National Security Minister, Marvin Dames,

in his remarks during the opening ceremony of the training, said the training is to help build capacity, as he told participants that they are the guardians of the financial system.

Following an evaluation by the CFATF it was found that The Bahamas was not totally compliant

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Crime Rate In Right Direction, Says Dames

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

With two incidents of crime last weekend, which involved the Tourism Sector, National Security Minister, Marvin Dames said these incidents do not threaten the Tourism Industry.

On Saturday, according to police reports, "shortly after 11am, a woman was at a beach on Paradise Island when she was sexually assaulted by a 34-year-old Bahamian male, who was taken into custody".

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► National Security Minister, Marvin Dames

**DAMES CLARIFIES
ACTING DEPUTY
COMMISSIONER
APPOINTMENT**

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

National Security Minister Marvin Dames says there was no miscalculation surrounding the appointment of Paul Rolle as Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police as Deputy Commissioner Emrick Seymour starts his pre retirement leave.

His comments comes

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**MINISTER
EXPRESSES
CONFIDENCE
IN DISNEY**

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

The Minister of Tourism Dionisio D'Aguilar said he is confident then that Disney Cruise Line will not allow the South Eleuthera project to damage its reputation.

He said, "there isn't a

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NEW ORLEANS MAYOR WELCOMED TOURISM MINISTER AT NEW ORLEANS JAZZ FESTIVAL



► NEW ORLEANS, USA -- City of New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell welcomed Bahamas Minister of Tourism and Aviation, the Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar to the New Orleans Jazz Festival on Friday. A Bahamian delegation of top Junkanoo performers, musicians and artists/entertainers were part of the lineup for this 50th Anniversary New Orleans Jazz Festival during its second weekend, May 2-5, 2019. Bahamian artists have enjoyed a 'special relationship' with New Orleans, its music, culture and heritage since 1983. In the photo, from left: Nadir Hasan, Board member of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation; Marcia Hughes, Senior Consultant/Project Manager; Trover Strachan, MOTA; the Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar; Mayor LaToya Cantrell; and, at right, Clay Saunders, Special Projects Manager, MOTA. (BIS Photos/Kemuel Stubbs)

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SIXTEEN SENIOR POLICEMEN GRADUATE FROM LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

National Security Minister Marvin Dames yesterday congratulated 16 senior Police officers for completing phase one of his ministry's Senior Professional Certification in Law Enforcement Leadership.

Mr. Dames, in his address, said that as criminality evolves and

becomes more sophisticated, it is important for public safety officials to adapt and make use of cutting edge technology.

He said, "Our government sees the importance of investing in our people first, because we realize that it is the people behind the technological advancements, who once properly trained and motivated, will bring about the needed suc-

cess."

He added, "advanced training beyond initial recruitment ensures confidence in officers who are often called upon to make decisions which impact the lives of others inclusive of taking the life of another; suspending an individual's constitutional rights; making arrests; and conducting searches under the prescribed law."

These 16 graduates embarked on an eight-week journey of intensive and instructive modules in a number of technical areas like Finance, Budgeting, Written Communication, Oral Communication, and Human Resource Management.

Police Commissioner Anthony Ferguson said, "You are the pioneers of this program. You were

blessed with the opportunity of being first participants of it. Therefore, so much is riding on your overall success."

"You also have the opportunity of setting very high standards for those who will be following you. Congratulations on your successful completion of the first phase of your program. You could not have made it this far without disci-

pline, dedication, and the desire to succeed."

The graduates move on the phase two of their certification training at Georgia State University through the International Law Enforcement Exchange.

Each of them will be working on attachments with law enforcement leaders in the United States at the federal, state, and local levels.

NEW MARKETING CAMPAIGN FEATURING LENNY KRAVITZ INVITES TRAVELERS TO FLY AWAY TO THE BAHAMAS

BY LISA KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

The Ministry of Tourism and Aviation presented its creative campaign featuring Bahamian-American rock legend Lenny Kravitz to Canadian Media and Travel Industry Partners during a local campaign launch event on May 2nd at the Bisha Hotel.

Set to the lyrics of Kravitz's hit song Fly Away, the television commercial and supporting marketing campaign captured his deep personal connection to The Bahamas, as well as the pure adrenaline rush of exploring the archipel-

ago's 100,000 square miles by boat and plane.

The campaign debuted in January in the United States and will begin running in broadcast markets across Canada this week.

Written in The Bahamas, Sly Away was inspired by the island's white sand beaches, crystal-clear waters and countless summers the singer spent with his grandparents and mother, the Bahamian-American actress Roxie Roker.

Behind-the-scenes video follows Kravitz around his home base of Eleuthera, where he records music, embraces island time and appreciates this gift we were

given. 'Take your time' is our call to arms," he said.

The commercial underscores The Bahamas' powerful appeal as a destination that inspires adventure and exudes a rock 'n roll vibe. "It also represents not only the edgy independence of the Bahamian people, but also speaks to those who travel to our islands for our natural beauty." Said Paul Strachan, of Bahamas Tourist Office in Toronto, Canada.

Supporting digital content at www.bahamas.com/fly-away will allow The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism & Aviation to raise awareness of the

destination's many islands, which include Freeport, Abacos. The Exumas, Andros, Bimini, The Berry Islands, Cat Island, Harbour Island and Eleuthera, Long Island, San Salvador, Rum Cay, Mayaguana, Inagua, Acklins, Nassau-Paradise Island, and Crooked Island.

The new hub draws vis-

▶ Bahamian-American Rock Legend, Lenny Kravitz



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"MORTON HAS GOV'T IN BACK POCKET,"

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has the government in their back pocket.", she said.

"Everyone is disappointed in the minister because he would not even do his job. As a minister you should not have labour issues going on and on like that. You are the minister! What do you have this position for?" she added

She added that discrimi-

nation continues at the plant, as a shop steward was transferred to another area this past Friday with no consultations with the union.

She said, "in addition to that, he was told not to work any overtime. That is an area where the ships come in. Part-timers work overtime. Everyone in that area works overtime, but the manager of that area

distinctively said that he should not work any overtime. That is total discrimination."

Another worker that has been with the company for almost 30 years has also recently been transferred to the Human Resources Department, again with no consultation with the union.

In all of this, Ms. Brown expressed that the govern-

ment has not tried to intervene.

She also explained that the union has filed almost a dozen trade disputes, adding that union members at the plant had two dates to have a conciliation meetings, and on both occasions, the company claimed to have not received the conciliation notice.

Therefore, she said, no

meeting was held at the Labour Department with the company.

President Brown implored Labour Minister Dion Foulkes to come to Inagua and assess the concerns of the union himself.

Last month Trade Union Congress President Obie Ferguson revealed that the industrial issues plaguing workers on the Inagua plant will be heard before

the Privy Council.

He filed an application to the Court of Appeal, and the court gave him until June 20th to give it a reason why they ought to exercise a discretion to allow the union's case to be heard.

If not, Mr. Ferguson said, he will apply directly to the Privy Council, as there are provisions in place for it.

Crime Rate In Right Direction, Says Dames

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Then in a brazen daylight robbery on Sunday, sometime around 3pm, two men entered the John Bull Store on the property of Baha Mar Resort, "smashed show case glasses and stole an assortment of watches and jewelry before running from the store".

With recent travel advisory warnings, by the US government to its citizens, Mr. Dames, when asked if these latest incidents posed a threat to the Tourism industry said, "no".

"No, they are incidents, we are investigating them.

"We are in a much better place today, than we were two years ago, by far. But after having said that, we have to continue pushing and these are the things that each and every one of us have a vested responsibility to ensure that we safeguard this country," Mr. Dames said.

Speaking specifically on the two incidence over the weekend, Mr. Dames said there is always a concern about crime that impact both Bahamians and visitors.

"We're concerned about every crime, when a crime takes place, some one is impacted. We're concerned of crimes

against Bahamians, and visitors alike so we don't separate. Every crime is a concern to us," Mr. Dames said.

Mr. Dames added that having been updated by the Commissioner of Police on both crimes, he is confident that the matters will be resolved.

"I received an update from the Commissioner, the police are, in fact, investigating and we hope that this is a matter that we will bring to some closure.

"The thing is, this incident took place on a property in Baha Mar itself. You are not going to prevent all of these things. But what I would say is the police are currently looking at that particular matter and I have every confidence that they'll bring it to a close.

"Listen, [we] never said that we're gonna do away completely with crime. There's no country that can boast of not having any incidents reported.

But the point I'm making here is that we are headed in the right direction.

"Obviously the signs show that we are. And we will continue to do what we need to do to ensure that we keep Bahamians and visitors alike safe.

"As far as the sexual assault matter, I was also

updated by the police. I believe someone is in custody assisting the police and we continue to work on these matters," Mr. Dames said.

As for if Bahamians

can say they feel a difference in the level of crime in the country, the minister says that it is reflected in the questions asked and answered regarding crimes. He also acknowledged that there is still a ways to go.

"Remember now, there was a time when it was almost every day and you would come and say what's going on minister? What's being done? but now the questions are being reshaped, they're changing and what is it now? I mean we had this long quiet period and then you have these few incidents.

"So, even the questions that you are asking [are] changing. So, that's a reflection, in itself, that some positive things are happening.

"Are we there yet? No! I'll be the first to tell you and other members of our government will be the first to tell you that while we feel that we are headed in the right direction,

and all of the indicators in every sector are pointing to that fact we recognize that we still have a ways to go," Mr. Dames said.

TWO MEN ARRAIGNED FOR DRUGS

BY LISA KNOWLES
Journal Staff Writer

The two arrested in connection with more than \$10,000 worth of drugs were formally charged with the crime in the Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Adam Alexander Johnson, 26 years old and Jermaine Alexander Adderley, 25 years both of

19 Dorchester Street, were arraigned before Deputy Chief Magistrate Subusola Swain on possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply.

The two men were charged with four counts of possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply along with three counts of unlawful storage of medicinal drugs with intent to unlawfully sell. They were

allegedly found with Oxycodone, Alprazolam, Xanax, Methamphetamine, Amphetamine, Ecstasy, and Indian Hemp.

The men both pleaded not guilty to all charges. They were remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections until August 15th, 2019. They were both represented by Attorneys Ryzard Humes and Keith Seymour.



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with the FATF 40 recommendations.

Mr. Dames said as a result, the government spent considerable time enacting and amending legislation.

"I believe it was in 2017 when we were evaluated. And usually around evaluation time it gives you a good idea to see exactly where you are as a country. There are things that you need to do to

improve on your regime.

"And during 2017 there were some concerns coming out of that last evaluation by the CFATF and it was found during that evaluation that The Bahamas, like many other countries, of course, throughout the region, and elsewhere, are not totally compliant with the FATF 40 recommendations.

"And so, that was around the time, certainly as the government when we were taking office. One

of the things that we recognized almost immediately that we had to go to work on those recommendations and coming out of that, as a government, we spent a considerable amount of time and effort enacting and amending legislation having to do with anti-money laundering and terrorism to ensure that we were in a better place," Mr. Dames said.

Mr. Dames further told participants that it is important to understand

the standards and what it means to be compliant.

"What it means to ensure that we protect our financial sector from those who are seeking to use it to move their ill-gotten gains or to move funds from one location to another to support some terrorist group somewhere around the world.

"It's extremely critical for us to understand that we are a part of a global village that must work hand in hand to ensure that

we're always steps ahead of those who are seeking to use our structures, our systems to benefit themselves and to reign terror throughout the globe.

"And so this course here today is extremely important because what you are doing is preparing yourselves to ensure that you are able, and that you are capable to deal with any complaint or any concerns having to do with money laundering or terrorism financing in this country.

"A key component to ensure that we protect our financial institutions our financial systems against those from within openly, as well as those from without, is to ensure that we build capacity," Mr. Dames said.

Also participating in the two week training are officers from Belize's Financial Intelligence Unit.

The training takes place at the Paul Farquharson Center.

NEW MARKETING CAMPAIGN FEATURING LENNY KRAVITZ

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itors into island-specific microsites delivering inspiring vertical market video content on topics ranging from island hopping and boating to culture and cuisine, while simultaneously highlighting uniquely Bahamian experiences, places and personalities, such as Lady Di (aka Eleuthera "Pineapple Lady") Junkanoo and the popular People to People program that matches visitors with local hosts.

"We are excited by this campaign and honoured to partner with Lenny Kravitz. Our islands and his song fit perfectly together, allowing us to reach a broad new audience, especially digital



► From left to right; Paul Strachan, Senior Director, Bahamas Tourist Office, Canada; Joy Jibrilu, Director General, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism; the Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar, Minister of Tourism & Aviation; His Excellency Alvin Smith, Bahamas High Commissioner; and Tommy Thompson, Deputy Director General.

content consumers, through authentic story-telling." Said Minister of

Tourism Dionisio D'Aguilar. "The Bahamas is about

inspirational. We know that and we believe this campaign demonstrates

that to consumers in a true, direct way by sharing many of our people, their

islands and their stories with the world. Setting it all to perfect music is icing on the cake," said Director General Joy Jibrilu.

The Bahamas has been on a healthy, upward trend in international arrivals since October 2017 and closed 2018 strong. International arrivals increased 15 percent in January 2019 and 11 percent in February year-over-year, and future bookings continue to outpace the previous year.

New and revitalized hotels, including Baha Mar, Atlantis Paradise Island, Lighthouse Pointe on Freeport and Peace and Plenty on Great Exuma, among others are contributing to the growing demand.



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