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Dr Simoneth Williams, 29, died on December 20, 2024 when she was struck by a vehicle while walking along the island's main road in the New Road area

Lennox Greaves charged with causing death by careless driving

After months of public scrutiny and investigation, Lennox Nathaniel Greaves of Molineaux has been formally charged with causing death by careless driving, in connection with the tragic death of Dr Simoneth Williams.

The charge follows a fatal accident on the night of December 20, 2024, when Dr Williams, 29, was struck by a vehicle while walking along the island's main road in the New Road area, near the Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport. She was transported to the Joseph N. France General Hospital but, sadly, succumbed to her injuries shortly thereafter.

An autopsy conducted by Resident Pathologist Dr Adrian Nuñez Quintana confirmed the cause of death as severe cranioencephalic trauma resulting from the motor vehicle accident.

In the days following her death, speculation of foul play circulated widely. Just days earlier, Dr Williams had publicly criticised the Joseph N. France General Hospital and the government in a viral social media video, sparking national debate and concern. This led to calls for a thorough, transparent investigation.

In response, the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) pledged a full and impartial probe, with the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Office overseeing the case.

On April 23, 2025, Greaves was arrested and charged at the Basseterre Police Station.

Addressing the nation, Director of Public Prosecutions Adlai Smith announced:

COURTESY PHOTO

Lennox Greaves formally charged with causing death by careless driving

"Citizens and residents of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis and further afield, the Director of Public Prosecutions Office advises that Lennox Nathaniel Greaves of Molineaux, St. Kitts, has been formally charged with causing death by careless driving contrary to Section 50 subsection 4 of the Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, in relation to the fatal accident which led to the death of Dr Simoneth Williams."

Following a review of the evidence, including expert analysis by a professional road accident investigator, it was determined that Greaves, while driving an SUV registered P9071 towards Basseterre, collided with Dr Williams, a pedestrian at the time. The investigation found no evidence to

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COURTESY PHOTO

Director of Public Prosecutions Adlai Smith said,'Driving is a privilege that comes with serious responsibility'

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. NEVHPB2025/0032

In the Estate of SHARON VERNA WALTERS also known as SHARON WALTERS, late of Farms Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis, Deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **RYAN WALTERS** of Farms Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis, Electrician, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 24th day of February, 2025 in Georgia, USA.

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

Dated this 23rd day of April , 2025

Tyler Martin

Tyler Martin
Oral Martin Law Chambers
Attorneys-At-Law for the Applicant

Filed by: ORAL MARTIN LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys-At-Law of Upper Happy Hill Drive, Charlestown, Nevis for and on behalf of the Applicant who address for service is the same. Telephone No. (1869) 469-1819; Fax No. (1869) 469-5446; Email: oralmartinlawchambers@gmail.com /tylermartin_3@yahoo.com

COURTESY PHOTO

Premier of Nevis and Federal Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Mark Brantley is urging citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis to prepare for tough times ahead.

‘I anticipate some difficulties ahead’

Brantley calls for greater self-reliance

Amid growing international economic uncertainty, Premier of Nevis and Federal Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Mark Brantley, is urging citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis to prepare for tough times ahead.

Speaking at his monthly press conference on April 28, Premier Brantley highlighted the potential fallout from policy shifts in the United States, warning that escalating global tensions and trade disruptions could significantly impact the Federation’s economy.

“I anticipate some difficulties ahead,” Brantley said. “Disruption, instability invariably lead to higher prices and more difficulty… we must be prudent, we must be sensible about how we spend our money.”

He noted that the cost of living, access to essential goods, and food security are all areas likely to be affected by global shocks.

Reaffirming his call for greater self-reliance, the Premier stressed the urgency of enhancing domestic food and energy security—issues he has consistently advocated throughout his tenure.

“St. Kitts and Nevis needs to do more to ensure that it has greater food security and to ensure that it has greater energy security. Those two things are absolutely critical,” he said. “Regardless of what’s happening externally, we need for our own sustainability to double down in terms of water, energy, food — people need those three in order to function effectively and the country needs those three in order to move forward.”

Brantley also encouraged citizens to take practical steps at the individual level, including shifting consumption patterns and embracing backyard farming as a means to boost local food production.

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> **Premier of Nevis**

“I want to again encourage our people to do more in terms of producing some of what they eat… If our people can grow more of what they eat, we start to help feed ourselves.”

In a broader regional context, the Premier called on CARICOM and OECS leaders to reduce reliance on U.S.-dominated trade routes by forging new partnerships and exploring alternative logistics networks.

“We need new shipping routes, we need new trade routes, and we need to develop them,” he stated. “I’m not suggesting we abandon our trading partnership with the United States, but it behooves us to develop new linkages.”

Premier Brantley’s message was one of caution and resilience, urging the nation to remain adaptive, resourceful, and strategic in light of looming global economic headwinds.

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EDITORIAL

Possible fallout from U.S. policy shifts is not to be ignored

Less than 48 hours after Premier Mark Brantley urged citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis to prepare for tough times ahead, we learnt that the U.S. economy contracted 0.3% in the first quarter of 2025, the first negative reading in three years. All nations should take careful note of this.

Experts there explained that the decline in gross domestic product was fueled by a huge surge in imports, while other parts of the economy exhibited signs of slowing. Consumer spending went up by 1.8%, the weakest pace since mid-2023.

Mr. Brantley posited at his most recent press conference that the possible fallout from policy shifts in the United States is not to be ignored, and that the escalating global tensions and trade disruptions could significantly impact the Federation's economy. He envisioned "some difficulties ahead," and said we must be "prudent" and "sensible about how we spend our money."

It is likely that the cost of living – already challenging as it is – will test even the most resilient among us. And it cannot be forgotten that access to vital goods, and of course food security, are likely to be primary areas affected by global shocks.

The call therefore is for greater self-reliance, and the need to do more to ensure that food and energy security are prioritised.

Brantley suggests that practical steps should be taken at the individual level, namely shifting consumption patterns and embracing backyard farming as a means of enhancing local food production.

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A reduction in the reliance on U.S.-dominated trade routes by forging new partnerships and exploring alternative logistics networks, was also theorised in a broader regional context.

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COMMENTARY

Empowering global health: Taiwan's inclusion in the WHO

As the world focuses on the future of global public health management, Taiwan - a major contributor to global health - is seeking to participate in World Health Organization (WHO), as well as the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer.

WHO is the most important organization addressing global public health challenges. Yet due to political prejudice, it has been hindering global prevention, preparedness, and response to health emergencies by excluding Taiwan.

World-leading medical and healthcare services

During COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan demonstrated its commitment to public health as well as the reliability of its epidemic prevention system. Taiwan has also accumulated a great deal of experience providing international medical assistance through donating medical supplies and offering training to the medical personnel of partner countries. A recent visit by a medical assistance team from Taipei Veterans General Hospital to St. Kitts and Nevis is another reflection of Taiwan's dedication to global health.

Such efforts showcase Taiwan's world-class public health system, medical capabilities, and its willingness to contribute internationally. Taiwan's participation in the WHO will only allow it to even better fulfill its obligations to public health and promote global well-being.

Michael Lin
Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis

Unmasking the PRC's disinformation campaign and manipulation in the WHO

From a legal perspective, People's Republic of China (PRC) claims that Taiwan should be excluded from the global health institution because *WHA Resolution* 25.1 draws on *UN General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758*. However, neither of these resolutions mention Taiwan, nor do they authorize the PRC to represent Taiwan. Hence, these resolutions do not address the issue of Taiwan's representation in the UN systems or its specialized organizations. Only Taiwan's democratically elected government can represent its people in the WHO and other international organizations.

China's malicious misuse and distortion of *UNGA Resolution 2758* is yet another attempt at political suppression of Taiwan through information manipulation and cognitive warfare. In reality, these resolutions cannot be used to oppose Taiwan's participation in the WHO.

Call for a strong and healthy WHO

Thanks to the dedicated, combined effort of Taiwan's government and people, along with staunch support from its allies and friends, the international community has come to a greater understanding of the necessity of Taiwan's inclusion in the WHO.

Taiwan will continue to press for participating in the up-coming 78th WHA as an observer as well as in WHO meetings. Such a development would ensure that global health decisions are inclusive of all, including the 23.5 million people of Taiwan.

A strong and healthy WHO is crucial for the health of the entire global population. Disease knows no borders. The participation and input of all nations are essential for empowering global health.

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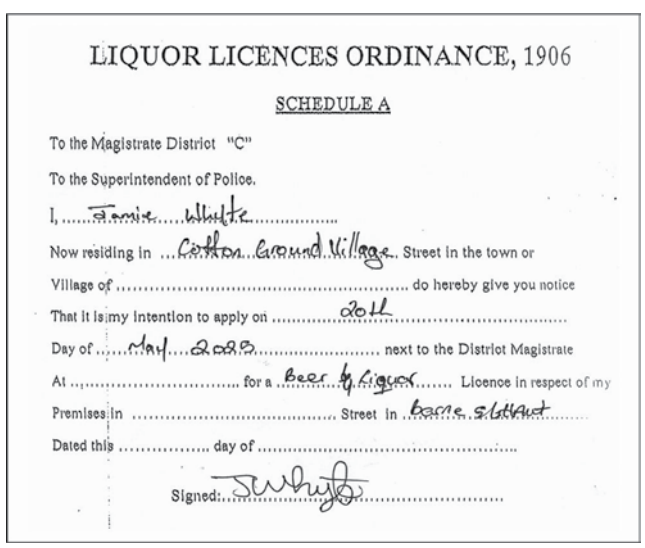

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To the Magistrate District "C"

To the Superintendent of Police.

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Village of ..... do hereby give you notice

That it is my intention to apply on 2011

Day of May 2025 next to the District Magistrate

At ..... for a Beer & Liquor Licence in respect of my

Premises in ..... Street in Barnes Ghaut

Dated this ..... day of .....

Signed: .....

HISTORIC PENSION REFORM

Auxiliary workers to retire with dignity under new law

In what has been hailed as a landmark moment in the history of workers' rights in St Kitts and Nevis, the National Assembly on Wednesday passed the Pensions (Amendment) Bill, 2025—ushering in long-awaited reform for Government Auxiliary Employees (GAEs) across the Federation.

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dr Terrance Drew, described the legislation as a bold move toward equity and social justice, replacing an outdated pension model dating back to 1947 with a contributory scheme that offers greater certainty and retirement security for thousands of public servants.

"This Bill tells every government auxiliary employee, every street or office cleaner, every crossing guard, that we see you, we value you, and we will honour your contributions when your working days are over," Prime Minister Drew declared passionately during the sitting. "This is not about pity. This is about people who have worked, and they must get what they deserve."

Under the new system, GAEs will, for the first time, be eligible for pensions after 15 years of service. Workers will contribute to a dedicated pension fund throughout their employment and receive fair benefits upon retirement, including a combination of government pension and Social Security that could amount to 100% of their income.

Previously, the non-contributory model placed the full burden of pension payments on the government and excluded thousands of auxiliary workers from retirement benefits. Dr Drew acknowledged the historic injustice of the previous system, saying, "It was unpredictable and unequal… Today, we say no more."

The passage of the Bill was met with applause from dozens of GAE workers seated in the gallery, many of whom embraced the Prime Minister in gratitude following the debate.

Prime Minister Drew made clear that the reform transcends politics and speaks to the core of the Labour Movement's mission since 1932—to protect and uplift the working class. "This law does not look at whether you are supporting this party or that party. This law covers our workers in this country. This is about everybody."

One key feature of the law is a guarantee that workers who leave the public service before reaching retirement eligibility will receive a full refund of their contributions, with interest. "You can't lose," Dr Drew assured. "If you don't qualify for a gratuity, you still get back what you put in."

The Bill is expected to benefit more than 2,000 workers—over 10 percent of the national workforce—making it one of the most significant pieces of labour legislation in the Federation's history. It also aligns with the government's broader Sustainable Island State Agenda, focused on creating a fairer, more inclusive society.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Government Auxiliary Employees (GAEs) from across the Federation gained some security from the move. Above, GAE's attend Wednesday's Sitting of the National Assembly.

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Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dr Terrance Drew said the reform was a 'bold move toward equity and social justice'

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No: NEVHPB2025/0033

In the Estate of REGINALD L. KAWAJA, late of Barnes Ghaut Road in the Parish of St. Thomas in the Island of Nevis, Deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE OF WILL

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **LILIAN KAWAJA**, **MARK KAWAJA**, and **JENNIFER KAWAJA** all of Barnes Ghaut Road in the Parish of St. Thomas in the Island of Nevis for a Grant of Probate of Will of the above named deceased who died on the 23rd day of December, 2024 without revoking a Will bearing the date the 25th day of June, 2020 wherein the applicants are named as the executors.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Probate of Will to the applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 23rd day of April, 2025

Tyler Martin

Tyler Martin
ORAL MARTIN LAW CHAMBERS
Attorneys-At-Law for the Applicants

Filed by: ORAL MARTIN LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys-At-Law of Upper Happy Hill Drive, Charlestown, Nevis for and on behalf of the Applicants who address for service is the same. Telephone No. (1869) 469-1819; Fax No. (1869) 469-5446; Email: oralmartinlawchambers@gmail.com /tylermartin_3@yahoo.com

CDB's meeting to focus on resilience, growth

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) will convene the 55th Annual Meeting of its Board of Governors in Brasília, Brazil from June 9–12, 2025, bringing together regional leaders, international partners and development experts to chart a path toward institutional resilience, economic competitiveness and inclusive growth for its Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs).

Under the theme "Building the Future: Resilient Institutions for a Greener, Stronger, and Inclusive Caribbean", the Meeting's agenda is crafted to directly address the most pressing development challenges faced by the Caribbean. The sessions will offer practical solutions to accelerate project implementation, strengthen policy execution, expand regional partnerships and drive innovation in finance to deliver tangible benefits to Caribbean economies and communities.

"Our 2025 Annual Meeting agenda is about action," said CDB President, Daniel Best. "By focusing on the transformation of Caribbean institutions, to make them more responsive, efficient, and people-focused, we can better position our BMCs to withstand external shocks, attract investment, and deliver real, measurable improvements that will help our people thrive."

COURTESY PHOTO

Chairperson of the Board, Viviane Vecchi Mendes Muller, Brazil's Deputy Secretary for International Affairs and Development, and CDB President, Daniel Best

The event will feature a series of high-level public sessions designed to spark dialogue and generate actionable strategies for BMCs to advance national and regional development goals. All public sessions will be livestreamed.

"The Bank is undergoing a deliberate transformation to become a more agile and responsive institution. Our "rebirth" is about rethinking how we work, partner, and deliver to better support our member countries in a rapidly evolving global context. The Annual Meeting will provide a forum to highlight the concrete steps we're taking to transform how we operate to stay aligned with the region's priorities," President Best explained.

The 55th Annual Meeting will be hosted in Latin America, reflecting CDB's intention to deepen partnerships and learn from the policy and innovation ecosystems of its neighbours. The deeper engagement is expected to unlock technical and financial synergies in areas such as climate action, connectivity, and financial inclusion.

Interested parties can follow the discussions on CDB's website, as well as the Bank's LinkedIn, YouTube and Facebook pages.

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(PROBATE)

In the Estate of GLADYS DORE JAMES of Bath Village in the Island of Nevis, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **CLINTON FRANKS** of Bird Rock, St. Kitts and **ASHFORD FRANKS** of Frigate Bay, St. Kitts for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed of the above named deceased who died on the 18th day of May 2021 without revoking a will bearing the date the 3rd day of November, 2011. The applicants are the lawful sons and sole beneficiaries of Albertha Esperina Dore Franks also known as Albertha Esperina Franks also known as Esperina Albertha Franks nee Dore, the executor and sole beneficiary named in the Will of the Deceased who died without having taken probate of the Will and as such, are entitled to share in the residuary estate of the Deceased.

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

Dated this 7th day of April, 2025

Krysta Liburd-Clarke
LIBURDLAW
Attorneys-at-Law

Filed by Krysta Liburd-Clarke of LiburdLaw, Foundation House, Government Road, Charlestown, Nevis, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is that of her Attorneys-at-Law

Cops probe a fatal traffic accident in Keys

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident that occurred in Keys Village on Friday, April 25, which resulted in the death of 70-year-old Wrenford Dore of New Road.

The incident took place between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. near the Louisa Phillip-Jones Community Centre. Preliminary reports from the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) indicate that the vehicle involved was travelling westward from Cayon to Basseterre when it veered off the roadway and plunged into Keys Ghaut.

The vehicle was being driven by Winston Griffin of Monkey Hill, with Mr Dore as the passenger. Emergency responders from the St. Kitts-Nevis Fire and Rescue Services extricated both men from the wreckage, and they were transported by ambulance to the Joseph N. France General Hospital with serious injuries.

Tragically, Mr Dore succumbed to his injuries in the early hours of the following morning. Mr Griffin remains warded at the hospital in stable condition.

The Crime Scene Unit of the RSCNPF processed the accident scene and collected items of evidential value. An investigation into the cause of the crash is ongoing, and police say the public will be kept informed of its progress.

COURTESY PHOTO

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Brantley highlights ongoing hurricane preparedness efforts

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Hon. Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis, outlined the island's preparedness for the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season during his monthly press briefing on April 28, stressing that early action and community cooperation are key to resilience.

Brantley confirmed that the Nevis Disaster Management Department has officially commenced its annual readiness programme in response to forecasts predicting an active season.

"Early predictions from Colorado State University suggest an above-average hurricane season with 19 named storms, nine of which could become hurricanes—four potentially major hurricanes," he stated.

As part of the disaster readiness campaign, the Premier noted that emergency shelters across the island have been thoroughly inspected, with remedial repairs underway to ensure they meet safety standards.

Shelter management training was completed on April 24 and 25, during which 16 individuals received comprehensive instruction. "This initiative is crucial for ensuring our shelters are managed effectively during emergencies," Brantley said.

The government also recently conducted school safety training for early childhood educators from April 7 to 8, aimed at strengthening protocols to protect the island's youngest and most vulnerable citizens.

Looking ahead, Brantley announced that this month (May), the Disaster Management Department will conduct training for individuals responsible for initial damage assessments and needs analysis in

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COURTESY PHOTO

Hon. Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis, confirmed that the Nevis Disaster Management Department has officially commenced its annual readiness programme in response to forecasts predicting an active season.

Ten charges laid against Synrick Henderson in fatal White Gate crash

Synrick Henderson of Dieppe Bay, St. Kitts, has been formally charged in connection with a fatal traffic accident that occurred on March 22, 2025. in the White Gate area, between Dieppe Bay and St. Paul's.

Following investigations, Mr Henderson was charged on April 26, at the Tabernacle Police Station with ten offences:

- One (1) count of Driving Without Insurance
- One (1) count of Driving Without a Valid and Unexpired Licence
- One (1) count of Manslaughter by Gross Negligence
- Seven (7) counts of Grievous Bodily Harm

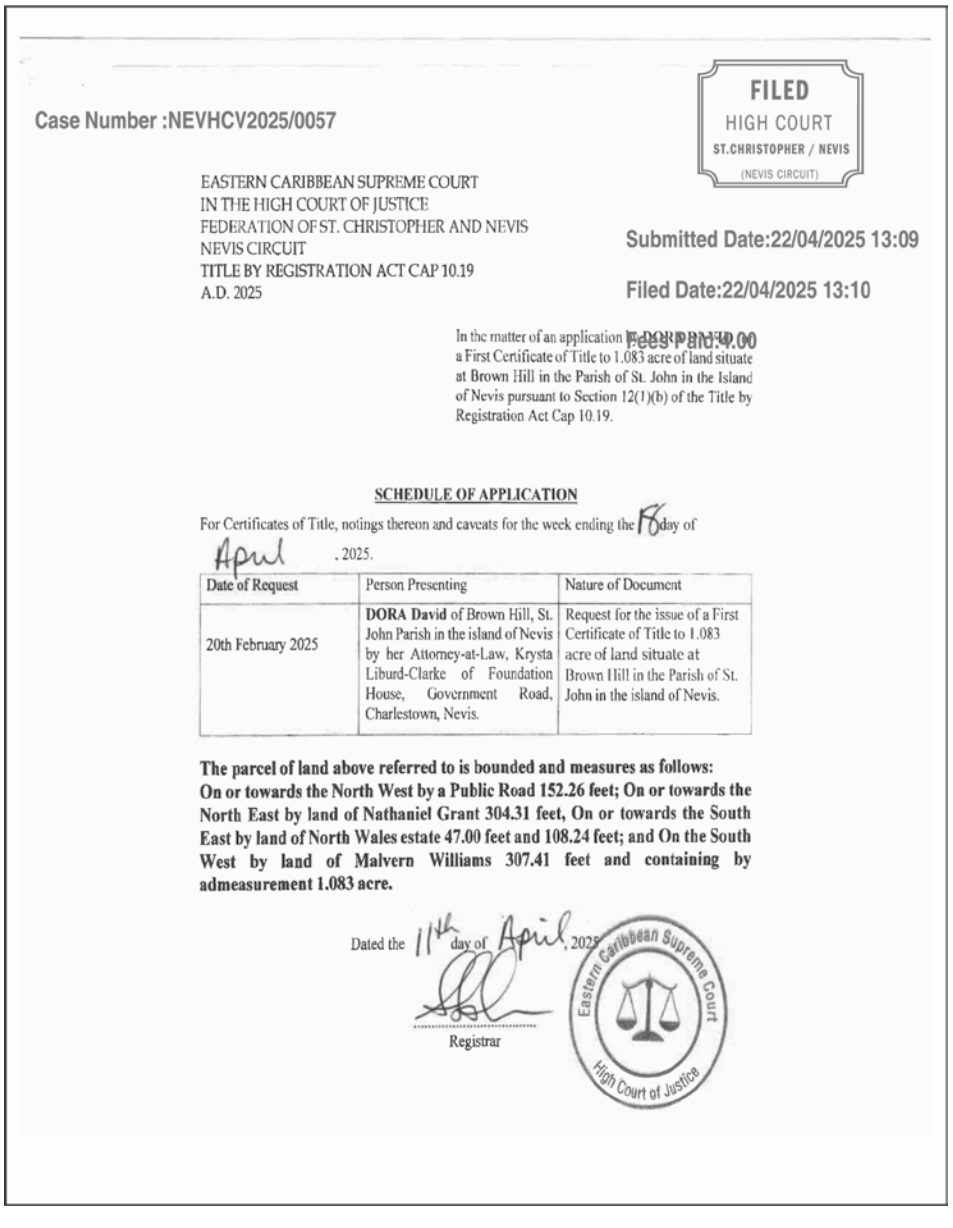
The collision resulted in the death of 18-year-old Shanice Harvey of Dieppe Bay and left eight individuals, including the driver, seriously injured. Preliminary investigations revealed that the vehicle, a motor van, was travelling towards Dieppe Bay from the direction of St. Paul's when the driver lost control and collided with a tree, causing the vehicle to overturn.

Upon arrival at the scene, police officers observed that all occupants had sustained visible injuries. Eight persons, inclusive of the driver, were

Synrick Henderson

transported to the Joseph N. France General Hospital for treatment and were subsequently warded. Tragically, Ms. Harvey was pronounced deceased at the scene. A post-mortem examination later determined her cause of death to be hypovolemic shock — a condition resulting from severe blood loss.

Authorities continue to urge all road users to exercise caution and adhere strictly to traffic regulations in an effort to prevent such devastating incidents.



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In the matter of an application by DORA DAVID for a First Certificate of Title to 1.083 acre of land situate at Brown Hill in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis pursuant to Section 12(1)(b) of the Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificates of Title, notings thereon and caveats for the week ending the 18 day of April, 2025.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Document
20th February 2025	**DORA David** of Brown Hill, St. John Parish in the island of Nevis by her Attorney-at-Law, Krysta Liburd-Clarke of Foundation House, Government Road, Charlestown, Nevis.	Request for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 1.083 acre of land situate at Brown Hill in the Parish of St. John in the island of Nevis.

The parcel of land above referred to is bounded and measures as follows: On or towards the North West by a Public Road 152.26 feet; On or towards the North East by land of Nathaniel Grant 304.31 feet, On or towards the South East by land of North Wales estate 47.00 feet and 108.24 feet; and On the South West by land of Malvern Williams 307.41 feet and containing by admeasurement 1.083 acre.

Dated the 11th day of April, 2025

Registrar

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

TOURISM IS ON THE RISE

St. Kitts records 15 percent jump in air arrivals for Q1

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

The tourism sector in St. Kitts continues to show strong signs of recovery and growth, with a 15 percent increase in air arrivals during the first quarter of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024.

Tourism Minister Marsha Henderson revealed the latest statistics during a Ministry of Tourism press conference held on April 29, highlighting that the island welcomed 46,641 air arrivals between January and March 2025, up from 40,476 during the same period last year. The current figures also edged past the pre-pandemic 2019 numbers, which stood at 46,616.

The 2024–2025 peak tourism season, running from November to March, was also described as a strong period for the destination.

"From November 2024 to March 31, 2025, our peak season saw over 78,077 arrivals; a strong increase compared to 68,170 arrivals during the 2023–2024 season," Henderson said. "This also surpasses 77,000 arrivals recorded in the 2018–2019 peak season, reflecting impressive growth in visitor numbers. This growth is a clear indicator of the resilience of our tourism products and the strengths of the partnerships in the industry."

Efforts to attract new airlift and strengthen existing airline partnerships have been a major focus of tourism officials, particularly through participation in regional industry events like Routes Americas. These engagements appear to be paying off.

"Our airline partners have also expressed satisfaction, reporting average load factors of over 70%, indicating that St. Kitts is not only on the radar, but is a preferred choice," the Minister noted.

Henderson added that the main objective of these efforts is to ensure that there is adequate capacity on all inbound flights to the island to meet growing demand.

The island's hospitality sector is also experiencing strong performance, with major properties such as the Park Hyatt, St. Kitts Marriott Resort, and the Royal Beach Casino reporting steady occupancy rates.

"Complimenting this growth, hotel performance has shown impressive resilience and improvements, with hotels reporting average occupancy levels over 70% as well," said Henderson.

The positive trend is expected to continue throughout the year, buoyed by upcoming events such as the St. Kitts Music Festival from June 26–28 at Warner Park, the return of the Caribbean Premier League and international cricket later this summer, and the highly anticipated Sugar Mas 53 celebrations in December.

Officials attribute the sustained tourism momentum to robust international marketing strategies. Destination St. Kitts has maintained high visibility in major U.S. and U.K. markets through digital billboards, branded buses, train station ads, and media appearances on outlets such as NBC and travel-related television programming.

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Marsha Henderson
Tourism Minister

COURTESY PHOTO

Tourism Minister Marsha Henderson revealed the latest statistics during a Ministry of Tourism press conference held on April 29.

A clear roadmap to success

'Building Bankable Businesses Programme' offers entrepreneurs practical options

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

A new initiative designed to equip small business owners with the financial tools and knowledge needed to thrive has been launched by the Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship in collaboration with the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank.

The Building Bankable Businesses Programme was officially introduced by Hon. Samal Duggins, Minister of Small Business and Entrepreneurship, who described the initiative as one deeply personal to him.

"This initiative is not just a training session. It's a gateway to clarity, a gateway to confidence, and a gateway to capital," Duggins said. "It's an investment in the people who keep our economy thriving—the small business owners who open early, who close late, and who carry the weight of their families and communities on their shoulders."

Duggins highlighted that while over 300 businesses have already received financing support from the government, many entrepreneurs continue to face barriers in accessing capital. The new programme seeks to dismantle those barriers, offering entrepreneurs practical support and a clear roadmap to success.

"We are not sitting idly by," he stressed. "Through this programme and partnership, we are creating a supportive and inclusive environment to ensure entrepreneurs are not just informed but transformed."

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Delrine Taylor, echoed those sentiments, calling the programme a "bold step" toward improving financial stability among entrepreneurs.

"Small businesses matter," Taylor stated. "They drive employment, innovation, and economic diversification. Yet many are unable to access the capital they need to scale, often due to poor financial management or a lack of understanding about engaging with financial institutions."

The curriculum will cover critical topics such as budgeting, cash flow management, interpreting financial statements, and debt handling. Taylor explained that a core objective is improving entrepreneurs' ability to present themselves as viable candidates for loans and investments.

Importantly, Taylor announced a strategic partnership with the National Bank, aimed at making lending criteria more flexible and inclusive.

"Even if a business has previously been denied credit based on traditional metrics, this programme will offer a second chance," she said. "We are addressing the root causes of financial exclusion and giving micro and small businesses the tools they need to succeed."

The programme will also integrate wellness components, recognising that a healthy entrepreneur is essential to the long-term health of a business.

David Lake, Group Commercial Head of the National Bank, reaffirmed the bank's full support for the initiative.

"By joining forces with the Ministry and other partners, we aim to amplify the impact of this initiative, ensuring that more business owners across our Federation can benefit from these critical resources," Lake said. "I urge entrepreneurs to seize this opportunity. Invest in your financial education and nurture your business ideas. The knowledge and skills you gain here will lay a strong foundation for future success."

Training sessions will be led by

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Building Bankable Businesses Programme is designed to equip small business owners with the financial tools and knowledge needed to thrive.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025

In the Matter of the Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19
and
In the Matter of a Certificate of Title registered in Book 58 Folio 256 in respect of lands situate Cane Garden Estate (Morden Estate) in the parish of St. John in the island of Nevis
and
In the matter of an Application in respect of a replacement Certificate of Title pursuant to section 144 of the Title by Registration Act

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of lost Certificate of Title dated the 16th October 2020 and registered in the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit at Book 58 Folio 256 in favour of **TERRENCE RECALDO HENRY of formerly of Brown Hill in the parish of St John in the island of Nevis but presently residing at 455 East 94th Street Brooklyn New York 11212 Apt 3D USA** for ALL THAT lot of land situate at Cane Garden Estate (Morden Estate) St John Parish Nevis measuring 8888 square feet and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-West by a Public Road, 65.67 feet; On or towards the North-East by lands of Lucinda Tyrell, 106.51 feet; On or towards the South East by lands of the estate of Alberta Marshall, 58.65 feet and 20.63 feet and On or towards the South-West by lands of Noel Dalton, 172.33 feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by Dave Simon Land Surveyor dated the 15th day of June 2020.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Land Registry, Office, Charlestown, Nevis, or Hector & Nisbett Chambers, North Memorial Square Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

Dated the 17 day of April 2025

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Patrice D. Nisbett
Hector & Nisbett
Solicitors

Medicinal Cannabis Authority launched in landmark move

In a historic step towards improving public health, economic development, and social justice, the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis officially launched the Medicinal Cannabis Authority on Friday, April 25. The move marks a major milestone in the Federation's efforts to build a regulated, responsible, and inclusive medicinal cannabis industry.

The launch event also celebrated the opening of the Authority's new office on Prince's Street in Basseterre, symbolising a fresh chapter in national policy and expanded healthcare access.

Chairperson of the Cannabis Board, Mrs Jihan Williams-Knight, addressed attendees at the ceremony, outlining the Authority's core mandate: to create and manage safe, legal pathways for adults over the age of 21 suffering from health conditions that may benefit from cannabis treatment. She emphasised that the Authority would work to promote access and education while remaining vigilant against misuse and ensuring the protection of vulnerable populations.

"It is our job as the Medicinal Cannabis Authority to navigate legal nuances, address public health concerns, and dispel negative stigmas to ensure that access to medicinal cannabis is clear, transparent, and never unreasonably denied," Mrs Williams-Knight stated.

COURTESY PHOTO

The ribbon-cutting at the opening of the Medicinal Cannabis Authority's new office.

Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Samal Duggins, under whose portfolio the Authority falls, hailed the initiative as a bold step forward culturally and economically.

"We stand at a truly exciting moment, entering the global medicinal cannabis industry with the advantage of insight, experience, and readiness," Minister Duggins said. "By learning from others, we have crafted an approach that is thoughtful, strategic, and uniquely our own."

Minister Duggins also announced a landmark policy decision benefitting the Rastafarian community. In accordance with the Rastafari Rights Recognition Act 2023, he revealed that licensing fees for Rastafarians would be completely waived.

"This is not just the establishment of an institution—it is a commitment to fairness, respect, and historical acknowledgement," Minister Duggins stated.

Strong support for the Authority was expressed by Acting Prime Minister, Honourable Dr Geoffrey Hanley, and Attorney General, Honourable Garth Wilkin, both of whom reaffirmed the government's commitment to developing a robust, transparent medicinal cannabis sector.

The launch of the Medicinal Cannabis Authority represents a new era of progressive policymaking, built on science, community advocacy, and national development. With a regulatory framework tailored to its unique context, Saint Kitts and Nevis is positioning itself as a regional leader in the responsible use and management of medicinal cannabis.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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(CIVIL)

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE Filed / Lodged APR 22 2025 @11:34 am ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

CLAIM NO. SKBHMT2004/0016
BETWEEN:-
DANIELLA THERESE HALL **Applicant/Claimant**

AND

THOMAS LEE HALL **Respondent/Defendant**

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at Sir Lee Llewellyn Moore Judicial and Legal Services Complex, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, on the 26th day of June 2025 at 2o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after the payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.
The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot of land with the building thereon situate at Frigate Bay in the Island of St. Christopher described in Certificate of Title registered in Book U2 Folio 37 of the Registered of Titles of the Island of St. Christopher and contained in the declaration and description of Leeward Cove Condominium Hotel Limited Registered as No. 4 in the Condominium Corporation index on the 25th day of June 1985 as amended on the 20th day of December 1996 together with an undivided interest in the Common Area appurtenant thereto.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be US$330,000.00

Dated the 25th day of April 2025

Registrar of the Supreme High Court

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PAHO report: 14 countries in the Americas face health worker shortages

A new report from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), The Health Workforce in the Americas: Regional Data and Indicators, reveals that 14 out of 39 countries in the Americas lack sufficient doctors, nurses, and midwives to meet the health needs of their populations. Without immediate interventions, the Americas could face a deficit of between 600,000 and 2 million health workers by 2030, compromising universal health access and coverage.

"The health workforce is the backbone of our health care systems; without health care workers, it is simply not possible to speak of universal access or universal coverage," said Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, PAHO Director. "This report provides us with concrete data to guide investment in training, retention, and decent working conditions, ensuring that health care reaches everyone," he added.

With an average of 66.57 health workers per 10 000 population, the Region exceeds the WHO benchmark of 44.5. However, major inequalities persist: while countries such as Haiti (6.38) and Honduras (7.13) face critical shortages, Cuba and the United States have almost four times the target number.

The report examines the situation of the health workforce in the Americas based on eight key occupations—physicians, nurses, midwives, dentists, pharmacists, physical therapists, psychologists, and community health workers — and breaks the information down by country. Among the most relevant findings are aspects related to the availability, distribution, and composition of the workforce.

Chief Medical Officer urges public to embrace vaccines

"I urge everyone to say 'yes' to the flu vaccine—to prevent pneumonia and severe illness. Say 'yes' to the HPV vaccine—to protect our youth today and prevent cervical cancer tomorrow. Learn about the vaccines you need, and make the life-saving decision to stay protected. The threat is real, and it is at our doorstep. Let us all take a stand—for our health, for our families, and for the well-being of our nation."

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hazel Laws, who made those assertions, is encouraging citizens to take advantage of immunisation services and protect themselves and their families from vaccine-preventable diseases. The expert advice was proffered as St. Kitts and Nevis joined the rest of the region in observing the 23rd Vaccination Week in the Americas (VWA).

The week-long observance, which began on April 26 and concludes May 3, is being held under the theme "Your decision makes a difference. Immunization for all." The campaign aims to raise awareness, improve access to vaccines, and ensure no one is left behind—especially the most vulnerable.

During Vaccination Week, public health teams have been conducting outreach in communities to promote immunisation and provide accurate, up-to-date information on the importance of vaccines.

"Vaccination remains one of the most impactful public health interventions in history," said Dr. Laws. "Over the past 50 years, vaccines have contributed to 40 percent of the improvement in infant survival worldwide. Today, more children than ever before are living to celebrate their first birthdays and grow into healthy adults. That is the power of immunisation."

Despite decades of progress, Dr. Laws warned that achievements are now in jeopardy. "In 2016, the Region of the Americas became the first WHO region to eliminate endemic measles," she explained. "But that progress is slipping. So far in 2025, more than 2,300 measles cases have been reported in the region—a significant and worrying increase."

She attributed the resurgence to declining vaccination rates and rising vaccine hesitancy, driven largely by misinformation. "Even countries like the United States, Canada, and Mexico are now experiencing outbreaks. Just last week, Belize confirmed its first two measles cases in over 30 years—two unvaccinated teenagers who travelled to Mexico and returned infected."

> ***'Learn about the vaccines you need, and make the life-saving decision to stay protected. The threat is real, and it is at our doorstep. Let us all take a stand — for our health, for our families, and for the well-being of our nation.'***
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> **Dr. Hazel Laws**
> **Chief Medical Officer**

Dr. Laws warned that St. Kitts and Nevis is not immune to such risks. "With regular direct flights from the United States and Canada, a single imported measles case could easily encounter an unvaccinated individual, putting our communities at risk."

She also highlighted other public health concerns, including cervical cancer, which is the sixth leading cause of cancer in the Federation. "Between 2020 and 2024, we recorded 15 new cases of cervical cancer. However, there is hope. The HPV vaccine offers lifelong protection against the virus that causes most cervical cancer. By vaccinating our young people today, we are investing in their future health."

Influenza also remains a threat, particularly for vulnerable populations. Dr. Laws said the Ministry of Health is responding with a comprehensive immunisation campaign, placing special focus on three key vaccines:

1. Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) Vaccine
2. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Gardasil Vaccine
3. Influenza Vaccine

COURTESY PHOTO

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hazel Laws encouraged citizens to take advantage of immunisation services and protect themselves and their families from vaccine-preventable diseases

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Submitted Date:25/04/2025 16:14

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CLAIM NO. NEVHPB2025/

Fees Paid:52.00

In the Matter of rules 28(5)(a) and 29 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules, 2017

In the Estate of **ALBERT OSWALD DUNCAN,** deceased, late of 165 Kensington Drive, Fort Lee, Bergen, New Jersey in the United States of America

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **LUARINDA LOVENA DUNCAN** of 165 Kensington Drive, Fort Lee, Bergen, New Jersey in the United States of America, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant, who is the person entrusted with the administration of the estate of above-named deceased, **ALBERT OSWALD DUNCAN**, by the Court having jurisdiction at the place where the deceased died domiciled, the deceased having died intestate on the 19th day of November 2024

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

Dated this 25th day of April 2025.

Edisha Greene

Edisha K. Greene
JOSEPH ROWE

Filed by **JOSEPH ROWE** Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is Unit 5, Long Stone House, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

COURTESY PHOTO

Kamla Persad-Bissessar has made a dramatic political comeback, reclaiming the office of Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago.

Kamla returns: UNC sweeps to power in Trinidad and Tobago

The UNC, buoyed by support from the Coalition of Interests, captured 26 of the 41 seats in the House of Representatives — enough to unseat the incumbent People's National Movement (PNM) and end its decade-long rule.

As anticipation builds for the inaugural staging of the West Indies Breakout League, players across the region are eager to entertain fans both in the Caribbean and around the world.

The first ball will be bowled at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy on April 25, when the Guyana Rainforest Rangers face the Windward Islands Infernos. A day later, the Leeward Islands Thunder will take on the Jamaica Titans, and excitement is growing for Thunder's batter, Mikyle Louis.

Standing at over six feet tall, the 24-year-old Kittitian—who made his international Test debut at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground in England in 2024—is looking forward to the tournament as a chance to enhance and evolve his skillset in the T20 format.

"Initially, when I heard rumours about the West Indies Breakout League, I thought it was one of the best initiatives in a long while in West Indies cricket, because I just felt like there are many youngsters around the Caribbean who have the ambition to play cricket, but because we don't have many avenues, we don't get the opportunity to play," Louis said.

"I believe this Breakout League is a great initiative for the younger ones in the Caribbean to get an opportunity to show people that they have what it takes to actually play cricket at an elite and professional level."

There is real excitement across the region among up-and-coming cricketers about the tournament, and the opportunities it presents to showcase their talents on a bigger stage.

"A well-structured tournament creates a feeder system for franchises. Players get noticed earlier in their careers, with performance statistics to back them," Louis added.

"I've had a few conversations with players from around the league who, to this day, haven't been able to play any cricket—any professional-level cricket. And the conversation is basically the same. Everybody's eager to show the Caribbean that they are good enough."

For Louis, the tournament also provides a platform for Caribbean fans to connect with the new and emerging generation of West Indian players who will carry on the region's proud cricketing legacy.

"Young players bring excitement, swagger, and a familiar connection with the next generation of fans. This could, in turn, help to revive the passion for the game, with familiar faces promoting cricket to their individual fan bases on ever-growing social media platforms."

Having experienced the international stage, Louis is determined to continue representing the region across all formats.

"I would love to represent the West Indies in all formats. So, I think this is a good opportunity for me because I'll be given more responsibility—unlike the CPL, where I don't have much, and it's more on the senior players. In this Breakout League, we're going to share that responsibility."

The West Indies Breakout League is a premier T20 tournament aimed at spotlighting emerging talent from across the Caribbean. It features teams representing the six territorial boards under Cricket West Indies: Barbados Pelicans, Guyana Rainforest Rangers, Jamaica Titans, Leeward Islands Thunder, Trinidad & Tobago Legions, and Windward Islands Infernos.

Eligibility criteria require players to be under 30 years old at the start of the tournament, with fewer than 40 List A T20 matches and fewer than 10 international T20 appearances, ensuring a strong focus on developing new talent. Each team is affiliated with a Caribbean Premier League (CPL) franchise, providing players with a platform to further their cricketing careers.

Case Number :NEVHCV2023/0102

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(NEVIS CIRCUIT)

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
Claim No. NEVHCV2023/0102
BETWEEN:
DHL INTERNATIONAL GmbH — Applicant/Claimant
and
MARCEL HANLEY DBA SUPERIOR SERVICES — First Respondent/Defendant
and
SUPERIOR SERVICES — Second Respondent/Defendant

Submitted Date:22/04/2025 16:36
Filed Date:23/04/2025 08:30
Fees Paid:12.00

NOTICE OF ORDER OF SALE

TO, MARCEL HANLEY DBA SUPERIOR SERVICES and **SUPERIOR SERVICES,** Defendants in the captioned matter herein.

TAKE NOTICE that the Claimant, **DHL INTERNATIONAL GmbH** has applied to the Court for the sale of the below listed properties situate at Clay Ghaut Estate, St. George Parish, Nevis by virtue of the Judgment against the aforementioned Defendants, dated 10th December 2013 being wholly unsatisfied.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in compliance with the Order of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Nevis Circuit, dated 31st October 2024, notice is hereby given that a Notice of Application was filed on the 24th July 2024 to Settle Conditions of Sale for the following properties owned by Marcel Hanley:

a) Property described in Deed of Assent (Deed No. 18813) dated the 30th day of September, 2008 and recorded in Liber CR Volume 68 at Folio 2908 to 2911;
b) Property described in Deed of Assent (Deed No. 19182) dated the 27th day of May, 2009 and recorded in Liber CR Volume 69 at Folio 2498 to 2501;
c) Property described in Deed of Assent (Deed No. 19183) dated the 27th day of May, 2009 and recorded in Liber CR Volume 69 at Folio 2502 to 2505;
d) Property described in Deed of Assent (Deed No. 19184) dated the 27th day of May, 2009 and recorded in Liber CR Volume 69 at Folio 2506 to 2509;
e) Property described in Deed of Conveyance (Deed No. 19185) dated the 27th day of May, 2009 and recorded in Liber CR Volume 69 at Folio 2510 to 2513.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the upset prices are fixed and the properties are to be sold via public auction at a date to be fixed by the Court.

You may uplift copies of the aforementioned Judgment, Order of Sale and Conditions of Sale by contacting the Firm of **DENTONS DELANY** Dentons Delany, Ground Level, Unit A9, The Sands Complex, Basseterre St. Kitts Tel: (869) 662 2260 Email: joanne.flemming@dentons.com or the **COURT OFFICE** at the Theordore L. Hobson Court Building, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis, telephone number (869) 469-5521; fax number (869) 469-7140. The office is open Mondays to Fridays between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. except on public holidays.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2025.

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW FOR THE CLAIMANT

TikTok turns toxic: Jamaica's CISOCA issues warning parents

Jamaica's Centre for the Investigation of Sexual Offences and Child Abuse (CISOCA) is warning parents to closely watch how their children use the internet.

This warning comes after police said that 22% of sexual offence cases now start online.

Superintendent Kerry-Ann Bailey, head of CISOCA, spoke on the Jamaica Constabulary Force's Force-4Good Podcast. She explained that apps like TikTok, Instagram, and even online games like Roblox are being used by predators to target and groom children.

"Children and teens spend a lot of time online, sometimes with no supervision," she said. "Adults with bad intentions use this to gain their trust and then exploit them."

She asked parents to supervise their kids when they are using smart devices and social media. Bailey noted that many parents set controls for young children but not for teenagers. But most reports of abuse involve teens.

She warned that apps like TikTok and Instagram often show adult content, but even child-friendly games like Roblox can be risky. In Roblox, kids talk with others online, but parents don't know who those people are.

There have been cases where strangers asked kids inappropriate questions during games. Some children even gave away private family information, thinking they were just playing.

Bailey also urged parents to notice changes in their children's behavior. If a child starts having grown-up conversations online, they might become more secretive.

She recommended that parents regularly check their child's browser history, messages, and social media activity. This can help catch any problems early.

The Jamaica Constabulary Force says it is committed to keeping children safe and asks the public to report anything suspicious online to CISOCA or their nearest police station.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jamaica's Centre for the Investigation of Sexual Offences and ChildAbuse (CISOCA) is warning parents to closely watch how their children use the internet Some games will have youngsters talking with unknown people.

Kids playing with poison: Shocking signs of neglect in Barbadian homes

The Child Care Board (CCB) in Barbados says it hasn't seen a big rise in the number of child abuse cases reported over the last four years. But the Director, RoseAnn Richards, is very worried about the nature of some of the neglect cases being reported.

She spoke about this during a workshop for faith-based groups at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.

Ms. Richards said more children are being brought to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital after getting hurt by things like chemicals, rat poison, or burns. Some even fall off their beds. These are signs of neglect, she said.

She also mentioned an even more disturbing trend. Children as young as four to seven are going to school and performing sexual acts such as oral sex on each other. This, she explained, likely means they're being left unsupervised, watching porn, or seeing older siblings watch porn.

Ms. Richards said child abuse happens in all areas of Barbadian society, regardless of class or culture. She added that even though many cases are reported, many others go unnoticed. This may be because people are afraid to speak out or don't know how to report it.

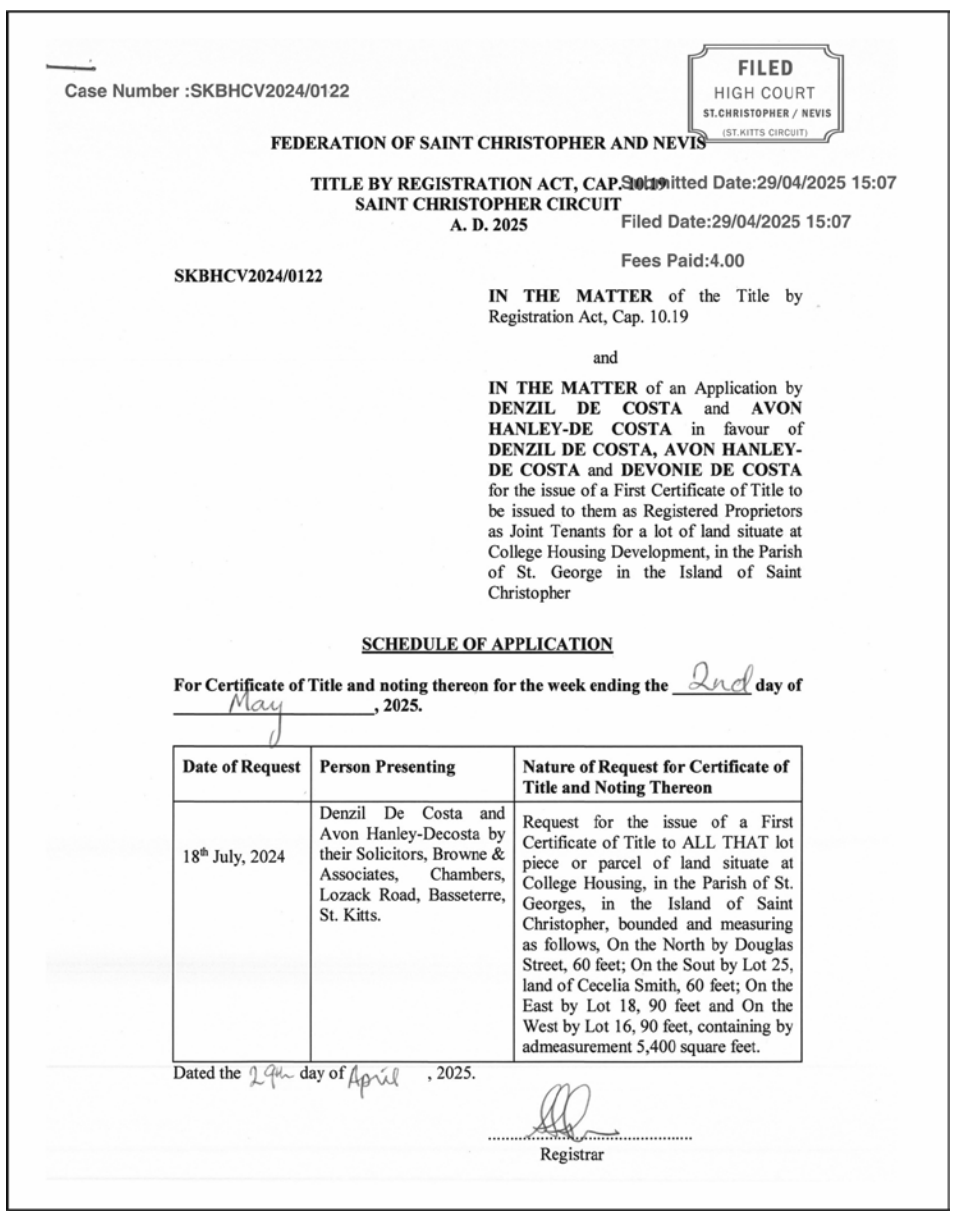
Every year, the Board receives over 400 reports. In 2021, 667 children were affected. That number rose to 672 in 2022-2023 and 677 in 2023-2024. For the current year, numbers are still being finalized but are expected to be around 600.

She made it clear that the Board can't fight child abuse alone. That's why they're hosting workshops to help different groups understand how to spot and report abuse—and why prevention matters.

She told the audience: "You all play a role in fighting child abuse in Barbados. We want our children to grow up in safe places so they can reach their full potential and help build a better country."

This workshop was the third one. Earlier ones included the media and the Barbados Police Service.

The CCB is part of the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs. It handles child protection, adoptions, foster care, residential care, and daycare.



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ST.CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS
(ST.KITTS CIRCUIT)

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A. D. 2025

Submitted Date:29/04/2025 15:07
Filed Date:29/04/2025 15:07
Fees Paid:4.00

SKBHCV2024/0122

IN THE MATTER of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

IN THE MATTER of an Application by **DENZIL DE COSTA** and **AVON HANLEY-DE COSTA** in favour of **DENZIL DE COSTA, AVON HANLEY-DE COSTA** and **DEVONIE DE COSTA** for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to be issued to them as Registered Proprietors as Joint Tenants for a lot of land situate at College Housing Development, in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificate of Title and noting thereon for the week ending the 2nd **day of** May **, 2025.**

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request for Certificate of Title and Noting Thereon
18th July, 2024	Denzil De Costa and Avon Hanley-Decosta by their Solicitors, Browne & Associates, Chambers, Lozack Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.	Request for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at College Housing, in the Parish of St. Georges, in the Island of Saint Christopher, bounded and measuring as follows, On the North by Douglas Street, 60 feet; On the Sout by Lot 25, land of Cecelia Smith, 60 feet; On the East by Lot 18, 90 feet and On the West by Lot 16, 90 feet, containing by admeasurement 5,400 square feet.

Dated the 29th day of April , 2025.

Registrar

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■ Vacancies

Vacancy
Barefoot Beach Bar Nevis
is looking for a Manager.
Contact: (869) 664-9980 or
barefootbeachbarnevis@gmail.com

Vacancy - St. Kitts Chocolate Factory
is looking for Chef,
Chocolate Chef and Pastry Chef
Contact:
Stkittschocolatefactory@gmail.com

■ Vacancies

Vacancy
Lime Beach Bar
is Searching for a Waitress
Contact: (869) 662-9620
For More Information

Vacancy
Supreme Trucking and Rentals (STARS)
is looking for a BANKSMAN
Apply to: Bladens Housing
Development | St. Kitts - 869-660-4553

■ Vacancies

Vacancy
Shanghai Xpress is looking for 3 pan
Asian cuisine Chefs
minimum 7 years of experience .
Email- shanghaixpress@yahoo.com

Vacancy
D'Yaconda Beauty Salon
is searching for a
Professional Stylist with Experience
Contact: (869) 665-5942

Vacancy
Platinum Work
is searching for an Electrical
Contact: (869) 660-3740 or 661-4381
For More Information

Vacancy
Enrique Joinery Shop
is searching for a Joiner
Contact:(869) 664-0256
For More Information

■ Property For Sale

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■ Public Notice

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCE, 1906

SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate District "C"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Althea Bartlette/Jovel Parris

Now residing in Stoney Grove Street in the town or

Village of St. Paul's do hereby give you notice

That it is my intention to apply on 25th

Day of April 2025 next to the District Magistrate

At Charlestown for a Beer/Liquor Licence in respect of my

Premises in Artisan Village Street in Penny's Road

Dated this 25 day of April 2025

Signed: Abartlette

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support foul play or deliberate intent.

"The evidence does not support the existence of foul play nor deliberate intent on the part of the driver in relation to the cause of Dr Williams's death," the DPP's Office stated.

DPP Smith used the opportunity to highlight dangerous driving practices across the Federation, describing them as reckless and criminal.

"I have personally witnessed troubling behaviours on our roads—overtaking on blind hills, excessive speeding through residential zones, overtaking while approaching roundabouts, and excessive speeding on wet roads. These actions are dangerous, irresponsible, and, in many cases, criminal. If you cause death under these circumstances, you may be charged with manslaughter," he warned.

He appealed to all motorists to exercise greater responsibility, stating:

"Driving is a privilege that comes with serious responsibility. Motorists must be ever mindful of other road users, especially pedestrians, children, the elderly, the infirm, cyclists, and even animals. A moment's carelessness can destroy lives."

In a move towards broader accountability, the DPP's Office announced a new, tougher prosecutorial approach toward injuries caused by negligent driving.

"Going forward, the DPP's Office will adopt a more robust approach where drivers cause injury, even if it does not result in death. We will not hesitate to advise laying charges such as causing injury by wilful neglect, wilful misconduct, racing, or furious driving where circumstances so warrant."

DPP Smith concluded his national address with a firm directive to drivers:

"In dark or familiar areas, drivers are strongly urged to reduce their speed to allow for appropriate evasive action where necessary. Safety, not speed, must be the guiding principle on our roads. Let us drive with care, caution, and respect for life, and may we continue to strive by the tenets of our national motto, 'Country Above Self'."

In a separate development, the DPP also revealed that an individual has been charged with manslaughter by gross negligence in connection with another fatal road accident that occurred on March 22, 2025, near Whitegate Dieppe Bay, claiming the life of Shanique Vinnie Harvey of Dieppe Bay.

Explaining the charge, DPP Smith said, "Manslaughter by gross negligence arises when a person, having a duty to take reasonable care, breaches that duty so seriously that it results in the death of another. In the context of road usage, this can include reckless or dangerous driving practices. It is a very serious offence that carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment."

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the aftermath of a hurricane. "This training is vital for accurately assessing the impact on both the productive and social sectors and for determining appropriate responses," he said.

"We appreciate the community's support and cooperation as we work diligently to prepare for the hurricane season. Together, we can ensure the safety and resilience of Nevis."

Brantley stressed that the government begins preparation efforts early each year. "We prepare and we pray to God that we won't need to utilize what we've prepared for. But we must ensure that each year we are in an advanced state of readiness for any storm or natural disaster," he said. "We invite everyone to pray that, again this year, we will be spared the ravages of storms or other

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financial experts and will require active participation and commitment from attendees. Participants who meet all requirements will earn a certificate of completion.

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Oftentimes these types of advice are lost in the hustle and bustle that exist in our everyday lives, but there are times when we must slow down and pay attention. Many persons feel powerless and pay little interest to the significant forecasts because of their seeming intricacies. Therefore, it is most important for those imparting the words of wisdom to continually try their utmost to simplify the messages. Practicality helps. The people need to know.

Red Square to the Tropics: Russia Stakes a Claim in the Caribbean

Russia has opened its first embassy in the Dominican Republic.

The opening happened on April 30, 2025, in Santo Domingo. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov visited for the event. This was the first time a Russian foreign minister had visited the country in 80 years of diplomatic relations.

During his visit, Lavrov met with Dominican Foreign Minister Roberto Álvarez. They talked about growing trade and business ties. Lavrov called the Dominican Republic a "promising partner" and said both countries could benefit from working together.

They also discussed global politics. Topics included changes to the United Nations and creating a more balanced world order.

A big issue was the crisis in Haiti. Violence from gangs has led the Dominican Republic to deport over 180,000 people since October. Álvarez asked for more help from the United Nations.

He said the UN should give more money and support to a planned multinational police force led by Kenya to bring peace to Haiti.

Russia's move to open the embassy shows it wants to build stronger ties in Latin America and the Caribbean as global alliances change. In recent years the Dominican Republic has become a popular destination for Russian retirees.

As of the 2010 census, there were 457 Russian-born residents in the Dominican Republic. By 2022, this number had increased, with reports indicating that approximately 17,000 Russians and Ukrainians were present in the country, many of whom were stranded due to travel restrictions following the onset of the war in Eastern Europe.

This significant rise suggests a growing Russian-speaking community in the Dominican Republic.

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Framing the legislation as a gift for Labour Day 2025, Dr Drew concluded, "You have worked for it. And this Labour administration is happy to deliver it to you—the hardworking GAE workers of this government of ours."

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And

IN THE MATTER of an application for a FIRST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE by CHRISTOPHER SEAN DICKER, Executor of the Estate of Barbara Lyn Fernandes also known as Barbara Lyn Wiggins on behalf of the **Estate of Barbara Lyn Fernandes also known as Barbara Lyn Wiggins**

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

Application for First Certificate of Title and notings thereon and caveats for the week ending the ....2nd.... day of ....May...., 2025.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request
16th day of August 2024	Christopher Sean Dicker, Executor of the Estate of Barbara Lyn Fernandes also known as Barbara Lyn Wiggins on behalf of the Estate of Barbara Lyn Fernandes also known as Barbara Lyn Wiggins by his Solicitors, Browne & Associates	Application for the issue of a First Certificate of Title for all that lot piece or parcel of land hereditaments and premises situate at Scotch Bonnet, South East Peninsula, in the Island of St. Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows: On or towards the North-East by Caribbean Sea, 213.90 feet; and 363.83 feet; On or towards South-East by Caribbean Sea, 151.97 feet and 174.14 feet; On or towards the East by Caribbean Sea, 197.32 feet; On or towards the South-East by Caribbean Sea, 262.71, 170.76, and 245.62 feet; On or towards the South by Caribbean Sea, 135.61 feet; On or towards the South-West by Kenneth Kelly, 438.86 feet; On or towards the North-West by Lot Nos. 6,7 (Faron Lawrence), 8 (Wendell Lawrence), 9, and 19 (Justin Dickie) (Heritage Plantation Ltd) and by a private development road, 965.51 feet; On or towards the South-West by Lot No. 6 (Heritage Plantation), 255.51 feet and On or towards the North-West by Heritage Plantation Condominium (Scotch Bonnet), 263.43 feet and containing by admeasurement 15.71 acres.

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