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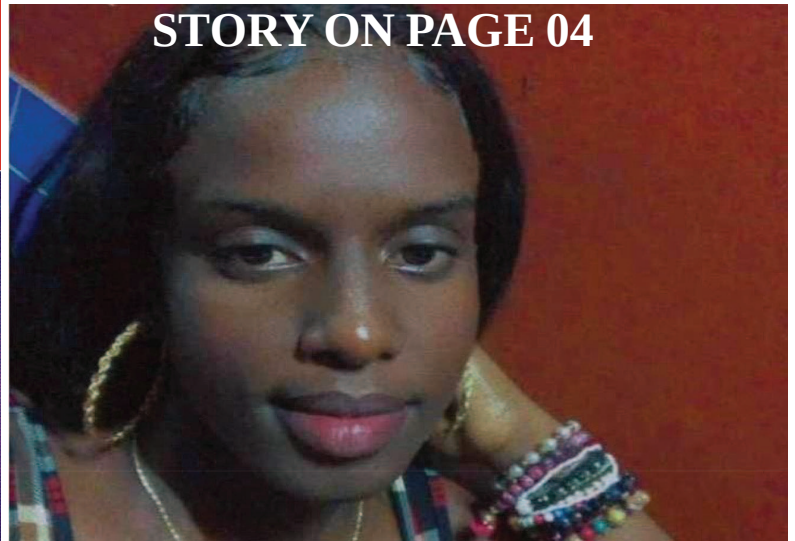
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Editorial

Act Like It Is Valentine's Day Every Day

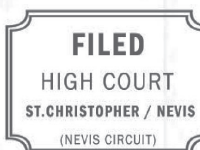
In small societies like ours here in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, it is easy for us to feel moved at the passing of individuals whether young or old and likewise whether they were quite well-known or not. It is just something within the human spirit that offers a different level of connectedness during times of grief.

In most recent times and up to the present day, many people have been commenting on how important it is to show each other love in this walking life because we never know when we would depart from this earthly dwelling. A pointed example goes to instances whereby we may have seen the individual days or weeks before having laughed and talked with that individual or perhaps just saw him or her looking happy and with no noticeable sign of illness or anything wrong at all. Hence, to the mind what appears to have been a sudden death brings about various personal emotions and the stark reality of life that truly we are here on borrowed time.

Now this editorial piece is not meant to scare anyone but more so encourage us to see the value in living life to the best of our ability. For those of us whom this may be a challenge due to emotional trauma or otherwise, it is highly advisable that counselling be included or perhaps find a friend or loved one whom you can talk to about issues that you are facing.

Death is a part of life but truly it is always quite

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In the Estate of Paulina Nellie Dore of Butlers Village, St. James' Parish, Nevis deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Sherry Dore Morris** of Butlers Village, St. James' Parish, Nevis, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 4th day of January, 2018.

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

Dated this 6th day of December, 2023.

Belva L. Nisbett
Nisbetts, Solicitors

Filed by: Nisbetts, Solicitors, whose address for service is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

thought-provoking when it feels like what some refer to as the 'Angel of Death' is passing through too often. There are even instances when we know that someone was sick, the sadness of them dying still stings. We may think about the impact on the individual's family, we may say Heaven has gained an angel and some of us might be moved to live the life worth living because the uncertainty of our time lies with the passing of time. Some of us might even regret not showing enough love and attention towards the deceased while they were around to accept their flowers.

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and

automatically many of us are on standby to use the day in celebration by way of expressing love and affection towards all who make our lives special. Some people object to this one day in the year to showcase with claims that such emotions towards our loved ones must be all-year around but truly there is no denying that the occasion certainly presents an opportunity for love and affection to be on full display.

Putting in the effort to make every day feel like 'Valentine's Day' sounds like it belongs on a 2024 resolutions list!

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Prime Minister's Gala Guest Speaker Applauds Vision, Passion Of SKN Youth

By: Spokesman Newsroom



Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew is all smiles while addressing his guests at his second annual New Year's Gala held on Friday 5th January 2024, celebrated under the theme 'Unwavering Vision For a Sustainable' (credit:Facebook/Hon.Dr.Terrance Drew)

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Tuesday 9th January 2024) - "Your young people have vision and they have passion and they are acting on it. They're building up their communities and they are building up this country."

So said Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Youth in Canada Hon. Marci Len, Keynote Speaker at the second annual Prime Minister's New Year Gala-hosted by Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew- held on Friday 5th January 2024, at the Marriott Dome in Frigate Bay, celebrated under the theme 'Unwavering Vision For a Sustainable Tomorrow'.

She expressed such sentiments having touched on interacting with members of the St.Kitts-Nevis Youth Parliament Association (SKNYPA) after also speaking about the decade partnership between local Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) and the Nova Scotia Community College in Canada as she recapped her interaction with CFBC President Andrew Abraham and beneficiary students of the partnership programmes.

According to her: "Young people here in St.Kitts and Nevis, and in Canada and around the world see themselves as global citizens and they should. Members of the youth parliament spoke about post-secondary opportunities and they told me about trying to eliminate gender-based violence, they talked about mental health and the importance of it."

She referred to the words of SKNYPA President Hasani McDonald "who broke it down for me like this. Hasani said... It's about youth as a driving force in this country."

Minister Len went on to talk about climate change and sustainability.

"Then there's climate change, and young people know that can't stand by as floods and hurricanes devastate nations and displaced countless people .In Canada, there have been a record number of forest fires that have had massive consequences.

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Section of the audience gathered at the Marriott Dome in Frigate Bay for the occasion of the Prime Minister's New Year Gala -hosted by Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew- held on Friday 5th January 2024, celebrated under the theme 'Unwavering Vision For a Sustainable (credit:Facebook/Hon.Dr.Terrance Drew)

Well-Known DJ Publicly Asking For Donations In Court Order Compensation For Child Of Fatal Accident Victim

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 11th January 2024)
- Well-known local DJ Kellian ‘Sparry’ Hazel is calling on members of the public for financial donation assistance towards raising a court ordered lump sum compensation of EC\$180,000 for the 3-year-old child of fatal traffic accident victim 21-year-old Keniqua ‘KK’ David who died in August 2021.

Via social media Facebook sharing on Wednesday 10th January 2023, such details were highlighted pointing out that the information “The court charged \$180,000 which would be used as compensation to the victim’s young daughter. Sadly enough, I do not have the above mentioned amount. I am hereby seeking the assistance of family, friends and well wishers to assist me in meeting this cost,” part of his write-up via fundrazr.com states.

It is further stated that: “Any donations for this purpose can be sent to my mobile bank at SKNAB Account my number #37356 Name: Kellian Hazel Telephone:664-2727 or send your donation to the following link fundrazr.com/b2Kw24?ref=...”

As shared on fundrazr.com: “My name is Kellian Hazel of St Paul’s better known as Sparry a very popular DJ In St.Kitts and Nevis One evening while traveling home from work I was kindly asked to transport a person to their home. While doing such, the car I was driving malfunctioned and collided with a trailer which was parked in the road. Unfortunately, the passenger who was sitting on the left side of my vehicle due to the impact of the crash died. It’s not easy to get over such a tragic situation where one person dies before your eyes and there’s nothing you could have done to prevent it.”

In a police statement issued on 8th December 2023, it was revealed that Hazel had been sentenced for Causing Death by Careless Driving in an incident that resulted in the death of the late Keniqua David of Saddler’s, St. Kitts.

Police also indicated that having been indicted on the charge, Hazel plead guilty and was sentenced on December 6th by His Lordship Justice Iain Morley. Reportedly, he received a six (6) month prison sentence that was suspended for two (2) years providing he commits no legal infractions during that time. Additionally, he has also been disqualified from driving for a period of two (2) years effective from December 6th 2023.

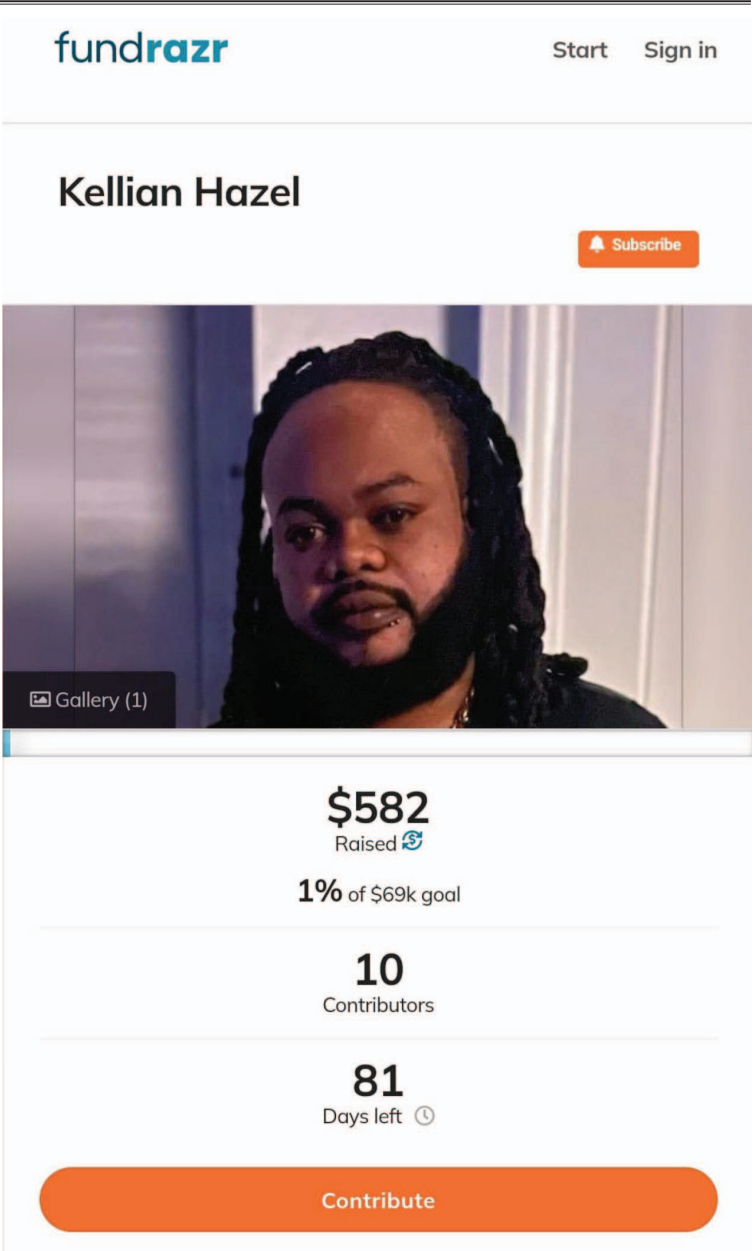
Hazel was sentenced to pay a compensatory sum of one hundred and eighty thousand Eastern Caribbean dollars (EC \$180,000) to the victim’s grandmother on behalf of Xhyionique Nicholas, her three (3)-year-old child. Said payments are mandated to begin on January 1st, 2024, at the rate of five thousand Eastern Caribbean dollars (EC\$5,000) per month over the course of three (3) years. In the event Mr. Hazel defaults on the monthly payments, he will be imprisoned for a period of twelve (12) months

An autopsy performed by Resident Pathologist, Dr. Adrian Nunez on Wednesday 1st September 2021, found that David’s death was due to “severe craniofacial trauma as a result of a motor vehicular accident.”

As understood, craniofacial trauma is a broad term that speaks to an injury of the face or skull.

Police reported that David was a front seat passenger of the vehicle that crashed into a container chassis in Bird Rock on Friday 27th August 2021, involving motor jeep P6667, which is owned and was being driven by Hazel.

Investigations revealed that close to 1 a.m., Hazel exited the



Screenshot Image: Fundraising activity captured on the afternoon of Thursday 11th January 2024 via fundrazr.com, spearheaded by well-known local DJ Kellian ‘Sparry’ Hazel in asking for financial donation assistance towards raising a court ordered lump sum compensation of EC\$180,000 for the 3-year-old child of fatal traffic accident victim 21-year-old Keniqua ‘KK’ David

parking lot of a club in Bird Rock and collided with a 40ft container chassis.

The St. Kitts and Nevis Fire and Rescue Services extricated David who was in the front passenger seat. Both Hazel and David were transported to the JNF General Hospital via the Emergency Medical Service.

Hazel was treated and discharged for injuries to his hand while David succumbed to her injuries close to midnight on August 27.

Front Page Photo: Fatal traffic accident victim 21-year-old Keniqua ‘KK’ David who died in August 2021

Prime Minister’s Gala Guest Speaker Applauds Vision, Passion Of SKN Youth

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Climate change has different faces but they all show us that more must be done and the clock, ladies and gentlemen as you know, is ticking. How do we focus more on the work and how do we define sustainability? Because it is a word that’s used when talking about the environment but it means so much more than that.”

She continued: “People and sustainability go hand in hand and there is now a requirement to look at all of the challenges that people face. This is exactly why as the minister of women and gender equality and youth, I act as kind of the glue that connects different ministries, and my ministry represents populations that are just proportionately impacted by things like climate change. So, sustainability means providing quality education, sustainability means building a more gender equal society, sustainability means reducing inequality period.”

Minister Len shared her view that St.Kitts and Nevis understands sustainability.
“Your country understands this so well because you live here on the island and you understand the impacts of climate change, you know the reverberating impact of colonialism, you know that education is a key component of success. Your national flag-because I did a little bit of research tells the story of this place. Fertile lands, the struggle from slavery to independence, your African heritage and most importantly hope and liberty and lots of hard work; values that we Canadians hold close to our hearts as well...”

Front Page Image: Keynote Speaker at the Prime Minister’s Gala New Year Gala Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Youth in Canada Hon. Marci Len during her presentation on Friday 5th January 2024 at the Marriott Dome in Frigate Bay, celebrated under the theme ‘Unwavering Vision For a Sustainable Tomorrow’ (SpokesmanScreenshot:Facebook/Hon.Dr.TerranceDrew)

THE UNITED STATES AND CARICOM ADVANCE YOUTH CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION EFFORTS IN THE CARIBBEAN

From January 10-12, 2024, the United States Government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and in collaboration with the Government of Grenada and the CARICOM Secretariat, will host a Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting in Saint George, Grenada to share best practices on addressing youth crime and violence in the Caribbean.

The theme of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) technical working group conference, "Adaptive Management in Citizen Security," underscores the importance of staying nimble and adapting to new information in a changing context.

During her remarks at today's opening ceremony, U.S. Embassy Grenada Principal Officer Frances Herrera stressed the importance of collaboration, stating that, "Consequently, our partnerships with CARICOM and national governments are indispensable. By working hand in hand, we can influence policy frameworks that prioritize crime prevention and youth development." Further, USAID Eastern and Southern Caribbean Regional Representative Mervyn Farroe emphasized that the U.S. government has for many years partnered with regional governments to prevent youth crime and violence by providing youth with positive opportunities and building more effective, transparent justice systems.

Since 2010, the United States has worked with Caribbean governments through CBSI (the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative) to reduce illicit trafficking, increase citizen security, and address the root causes of crime and violence in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Barbados, The Bahamas, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Guyana, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. CBSI advances common security objectives in the Caribbean, focusing on transnational criminal organizations involved in drug-related crimes, systemic violence, corruption, weak judicial systems, and at-risk youth. To date, the United States has committed nearly \$905 million in equipment, training, and technical assistance to the Caribbean region through CBSI.



Pictured from left to right: Sherwin Toyne-Stephenson, Programme Manager, Crime and Security, Directorate of Human and Social Development, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat; Carlyn McQuilkin, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security, Home Affairs, Public Administration, Information and Disaster Management, Government of Grenada; Frances J. Herrera, Principal Officer, U.S. Embassy Grenada; and Mervyn Farroe, Regional Representative, USAID Eastern and Southern Caribbean.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No. SKBHCV2015/0207

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

- Applicant

and

CLYVE CAINES
VERNICE MORTON

and

CLYVE JEVON CAINES

- Respondents

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts on the 25th day of January 2024 at 3.15 o'clock in the afternoon.

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 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 piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. E-6 situate at Bird Rock Residential & Commercial Development in the Parish of Saint George, in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North West by a Public Road, 127.29 feet; On or towards the East by Lot E-5, 253.78 feet; On or towards the South by Crown Lands, 131.90 feet and 87.66 feet; And On or towards the West by Lot E-7, 119.98 feet and containing by admeasurement 0.66 acre, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 7th day of December, 2007 and registered in Book G3 Folio 609 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of CLYVE CAINES, VERNICE MORTON and CLYVE JEVON CAINES of Earle Mome, Bird Rock, in the Island of Saint Christopher as Registered Proprietors thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be EC\$431,244.00.

Dated the 1st day of December 2023


Registrar of the Supreme Court



Ambassador Roger F. Nyhus Arrives in Barbados



Ambassador Roger Nyhus arrived in Barbados on Thursday, January 11, 2024, following his appointment by President Joe Biden in September 2022 and unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate in November 2023 to serve as the Ambassador to Barbados, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of

Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Ambassador Nyhus said, "I am humbled and incredibly honored to serve President Biden, our country and the American people as U.S. Ambassador to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. I look forward to bringing my Washington State and Chinook Indian Nation values to this new role and partnering closely with the seven dynamic independent nations of the Eastern Caribbean on addressing climate change, enhancing regional security and promoting economic prosperity."

Prior to assuming his position in Barbados Ambassador Nyhus built his career promoting American companies in sectors relevant to the Eastern Caribbean,

including sustainability and energy, aviation, travel and tourism, telecommunications, global health and health care, financial services, global philanthropy, seafood and the arts. Previously, he served as founder and CEO of Nyhus Communications, a Seattle-based strategic communications, advocacy and marketing consultancy.

In this role, Ambassador Nyhus served as an adviser to business and government leaders around the world, including CEOs of Fortune 500 companies. Ambassador Nyhus grew up in Westport, Washington, a small fishing village on the Pacific Ocean. He is an enrolled member of the Chinook Indian Nation, and his personal passions include championing wildlife conservation and the arts.

For further inquiries, please contact Katie Smith, Strategic Communications Officer via email at SmithKK3@state.gov.

Urologists To Men: Get Your Prostate Checked Now



Spokesman Screenshot: (left to right) Urologists Dr. Dan Caruso and Dr. Chris Gomez and Neil Owen of the Rotary Club of St. Kitts-the organizing group for an upcoming free prostate cancer screening event-during an in-studio appearance on Freedom FM's (106.5) 'Issues' programme aired on Thursday 11th January 2024 during a promotional outing

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 11th January 2024) - "99% of the people who have prostate cancer have zero symptoms. That's why coming to a screening even if you're feeling well, even if you've been screened a year before is so important because it's the regular screening that we're gonna pick something up that you wouldn't have realized."

Urologist Dr. Chris Gomez from Florida, US made the disclosure during an in-studio appearance on Freedom FM's (106.5) 'Issues' programme aired on Thursday 11th January 2024 during a promotional outing with his colleague Dr. Dan Caruso and Neil Owen of the Rotary Club of St. Kitts-the organizing group for an upcoming free prostate cancer screening event.

That event is slated to take place on Saturday 14th January 2024 at the Mount Olive Lodge located at Taylors Range from 6:00AM to 2:00PM and also includes a general wellness check for men ages 40 and up.

Dr. Gomez in talking about prostate cancer being very prevalent highlighted the importance of screening.

"It is one of the more prevalent cancers so it's really important to screen for but as well as part of the screening is when you go through regular screenings, even if you've been to a screening before, it's important to come back because if we catch prostate cancer early, it's actually a highly curable disease. It's people who put off testing and screening that you don't catch it until you have symptoms or you don't catch it until later in the stages when you have difficulty. But when you catch it early, it is a highly treatable, curable disease."

His colleague Dr. It is extremely important for a number of reasons. For one, afroCaribbean men are at higher risk; it is approximated that they can be as high as four times more than Caucasian males.

Such he said is believed to be related to genetic factors.

"In fact in the US we start screening African American men at an earlier age for that reason. So those who have a family history... so we start factoring in these various risk factors and underscore the importance of getting this done once annually. It's a relatively simple process. They do a wonderful job here; it's well organized, it's free, it's a simple blood test and exam," Dr. Caruso added.

Front Page Image: Men in line for the free prostate screening organised by the Rotary Club of St. Kitts in July 2018. Notably, over 300 males attended the event then. (Spokesman Snap)



Promotional Poster (Credit: Facebook/Rotary Club of St. Kitts)

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

A. D. 2024

CLAIM NO: SKBHPB2024/

(PROBATE)

In the Estate of **GERTRUDE AGATHA GUMBS** late of King Street, Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher, **deceased**

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MABLE AGATHA GUMBS-BROWNE** of No.42 Lamberts Project in the Island of St. Christopher for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on the 1st day of November 2022 without revoking a will bearing the 23rd day of August 2019 wherein the applicant is named Sole Executrix.

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

Dated this 11th day of January 2024

Filed by

VAUGHAN H HENDERSON LAW
Attorneys-at-Law for the Estate of Gertrude Agatha Gumbs

Filed by **Vaughan H Henderson Law**, Attorneys-at-Law whose address for service is Advantage Capital Management, The Circus, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tel No: 466-4829 or 660-4828, Email: info@vhhlaw.com

Press Release 01/2024: Enforcement of Integrity in Public Life Act

The Director of Public Prosecutions' Office acknowledges the receipt as of the 10th day of January 2024 of a communication from the Integrity Commission regarding the failure of numerous public officials to comply with the mandatory declaration requirements as stipulated under Section 30 of the **Integrity in Public Life Act**, Cap 22.18, as amended. A list of officers who are required to file pursuant to the Act is attached hereto.

As the custodian of legal enforcement in our Federation, this office views any breach of the Act with the utmost seriousness, especially by those in positions of public trust. It is the constitutional mandate of this office to uphold the law, ensuring justice and fairness without fear or favour.

In light of the received information, this office is currently preparing charges for the individuals on the provided list. Due to the list's length and the need to resolve certain administrative particulars, we anticipate that all charges, brought under the authority of the Director of Public Prosecutions, will be filed by Thursday, 1st February 2024.

The high ideals of justice and fairness, which are the bedrock of our legal system, necessitate stringent adherence to the laws governing public integrity. The requirement for public officials to file declarations of their income, assets, liabilities, and private interests is a critical tool in the fight against corruption. This mechanism ensures transparency and accountability, deterring the misuse of public office for personal gain. Moreover, while some may find these requirements intrusive, they are essential checks against corruption. More importantly, they shine a light on potential conflicts of interest and illicit activity, safeguarding the public trust and ensuring integrity in government. The discomfort of compliance pales in comparison to the necessity of maintaining integrity within our public institutions.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS DIRECT: (869) 466-2930 GEORGIAN HOUSE TEL: (860) 467-1421 SOUTH INDEPENDENCE SQUARE STREET FAX: (869) 465-4830 P. O. BOX 164 BASSETERRE EMAIL: dppoffice@gov.kn ST. KITTS . WEST INDIES

The refusal to file statutory declarations of assets and liabilities, as mandated by the **Integrity in Public Life Act**, may seem like an isolated act of defiance. However, it is the first, insidious crack in the dam of societal order. It establishes the dangerous precedent that laws can be ignored if one deems them personally inconvenient. If public officials, sworn to uphold the law, can circumvent this vital transparency measure, what message does it send to the wider citizenry? Furthermore, as law becomes selective, so too does trust. The public, witnessing public officials cherry-picking which laws to obey, justifiably questions the integrity of the entire system. Resentment festers, breeding cynicism and a dangerous disengagement from civic responsibility. Why follow the rules, the public may ask, if those in power do not?

Notwithstanding that our office is in the process of filing charges, it is still possible to escape prosecution if the Commission receives your completed declaration before the 26th of January 2024. For ease of reference the requisite declaration may be downloaded from <https://iplskn.com>. It is worthy of note that the initial deadline for filing, 31st July 2023, has long past with the next filing date of **April 30th 2024** fast approaching. The Integrity Commission has already warned applicable public officials that if public officials failed to file by 1st December 2023, that they would consider handing over names to the Director of Public Prosecutions for action. On 8th December 2023, as part of a press conference to commemorate Anti-Corruption Day, as Director of Public Prosecutions, I promised action against defaulters in no uncertain terms and that it was just a matter of waiting for the list from the Commission. I have now received that list. There will be **NO FURTHER WARNING**. All of these opportunities for compliance have been made to demonstrate to the Court that every effort has been made to reach out to defaulters to comply. Charges, once finalized and filed, will carry the full weight of the Act, with potential fines of up to \$30,000.00 or imprisonment for up to three years.

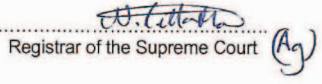
I make one final appeal to all non-compliant public officials to fulfill this legal obligation promptly to avoid prosecution. It is not the desire that any should perish by way of prosecution but as Director of Public Prosecutions, my duty is to enforce the law. When faced with the choice between non-enforcement due to perceived inconvenience and enforcing the law to combat endemic corruption, I unreservedly choose the latter. The choice is not between comfort or justice; rather it is between upholding the rule of law or allowing corruption to fester.

The status of individuals on the list, regardless of position or influence, is irrelevant to this office. Whether high-ranking official or appointed worker, everyone entrusted with public duty is equally bound by the **Integrity in Public Life Act**. No-one is above the Law!

This office stands firm in its resolve to prosecute violations of the **Integrity in Public Life Act** and ensuring that all public officials adhere to the highest standards of integrity as required by law. The message is unequivocal: "comply with your legal obligations or face the consequences." The fight for transparency and accountability in public service demands unwavering commitment, and the Director of Public Prosecutions' Office will not hesitate to act to safeguard the integrity of our Federation.

Mr. Adlai Smith
Director of Public Prosecutions



	
IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT Title by Registration Act. Cap. 10.19 A. D. 2023	
SUIT NO. SKBHCV2017/0245	IN THE MATTER of Section 92 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19 and IN THE MATTER of the sale of the property comprised in Certificate of Title dated the 28 th day of August, 2006 and registered in Book F3 Folio 478 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit on COLETTE B. LEWIS now known as COLETTE B. LEWIS-MOSES
BETWEEN:	REPUBLIC BANK (EC) LIMITED -Applicant and COLETTE B. LEWIS now known as COLETTE B. LEWIS-MOSES -Respondent
NOTICE OF SALE	
The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Cnr. Wilkin Street and Horsfords Road, Fortlands, St. Kitts, on the 31 st day of January, 2024 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.	
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.	
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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	
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FDA approves Florida's request to import cheaper drugs from Canada

Published BBC News



By Brandon Livesay
BBC News

The US Food and Drug Administration has approved Florida's request to import prescription drugs from Canada to rein in drug prices in the state.

Medicines in Canada can be nearly half the price of US counterparts and some drugs cost almost \$400 a pill in Florida.

The FDA's decision could open the door for other states to follow suit.

The major policy shift overrides decades of opposition from the US pharmaceutical industry.

The industry's major lobbying group has already indicated it will try to intervene.

Florida estimates the programme, which allows the import of certain prescription drugs used to treat conditions such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, hepatitis C and mental illness, will save state taxpayers up to \$150m (£118m) a year.

The sky-high costs of prescription drugs have been an ongoing political issue in the US, where prices are among the highest in the world.

According to a report by the OECD group of industrialised nations, the US spends more than double the average amount spent by other member countries on prescription medicines per capita.

For example, where the UK paid approximately £246 (\$314) per head in 2023, the US paid \$1,139.

In a statement announcing the FDA's authorisation, Commissioner Robert Califf said the administration would continue to work with states and Indian tribes on these proposals.

"These proposals must demonstrate the programmes would result in significant cost savings to consumers without adding risk of exposure to unsafe or ineffective drugs," he said.

Florida's approval does come with requirements, including how the drugs are labelled and ensuring they meet FDA specifications and standards.

US government targets lowering cost of 10 key drugs

The state's health care administration will need to submit quarterly reports to the FDA that outlines cost savings and any potential safety and quality issues.

There will also be restrictions on who can access the imported drugs.

The FDA's decision comes after President Joe Biden's executive order in 2021 - which directed federal agencies to work with states on lowering costs through importation plans.

An online statement published on Thursday from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America President and CEO Stephen J Ubl said the FDA's decision was "reckless".

He said his organisation would consider "all options for preventing this policy from harming patients".

It is not known how Canada's healthcare system will react to Florida's plan, but it could stoke fears of drug shortages for its own citizens.

Canada banned the export of some prescription medicines in 2020 to prevent a shortage in the country after then-US President Donald Trump proposed a plan to import drugs from Canada to make them cheaper for Americans.

New material found by AI could reduce lithium use in batteries

Published BBC News



IMAGE SOURCE, DAN DELONG FOR MICROSOFT

Samples of the new solid electrolyte discovered by Microsoft AI and HPC tools

By Shiona McCallum
Technology reporter

A brand new substance, which could reduce lithium use in batteries, has been discovered using artificial intelligence (AI) and supercomputing.

The findings were made by Microsoft and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), which is part of the US Department of Energy.

Scientists say the material could potentially reduce lithium use by up to 70%.

Since its discovery the new material has been used to power a lightbulb.

Microsoft researchers used AI and supercomputers to narrow down 32 million potential inorganic materials to 18 promising candidates in less than a week - a screening process that could have taken more than two decades to carry out using traditional lab research methods.

The process from inception to the development of a working battery prototype took less than nine months.

The two organisations achieved this by using advanced AI and high-performance computing which combines large numbers of computers to solve complex scientific and mathematical tasks.

Executive vice president of Microsoft, Jason Zander, told the BBC one of the tech giant's missions was to "compress 250 years of scientific discovery into the next 25".

"And we think technology like this will help us do that. This is the way that this type of science I think is going to get done in the future," he said.

The problem with lithium

Lithium is often referred to as "white gold" because of its market value and silvery colour. It is one of the key components in rechargeable batteries (lithium-ion batteries) that power everything from electric vehicles (EVs) to smartphones.

As the need for the metal ramps up and the demand for EVs rises, the world could face a shortage of the material as soon as 2025, according to the International Energy Agency.

It is also expected that demand for lithium-ion batteries will increase up to tenfold by 2030, according to the US Department for Energy, so manufacturers are constantly building battery plants to keep up.

Lithium mining can be controversial as it can take several years to develop and has a considerable impact on the environment. Extracting the metal requires large amounts of water and energy, and the process can leave huge scars in the landscape, as well as toxic waste.

Dr Nuria Tapia-Ruiz, who leads a team of battery researchers at the chemistry department at Imperial College London, said any material with reduced amounts of lithium and good energy storage capabilities are "the holy grail" in the lithium-ion battery industry.

"AI and supercomputing will become crucial tools for battery researchers in the upcoming years to help predict new high-performing materials," she said.

But Dr Edward Brightman, lecturer in chemical engineering at the University

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Police Department Display Weapon Take Away For Peaceful J’ouvert ...HMP is Not A Guest House

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 11th January 2024)- Via its Facebook social media page, the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) has publicly shown a number of weapons as well as contraband items- mostly knives- that were taken away ahead of J’ouvert held on Tuesday 26th December 2023 as part of Sugar Mas 52 street activities.

A part of the Thursday 11th January 2024 post read: “Depicted below are contraband items, weapons, and weaponised household



Case Number :NEVHPB2023/0070

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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In the Estate of Felton Griffin of New Castle, St. James' Parish, Nevis, deceased

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

Dated this 11th day of December, 2023


Belva L. Nisbett
Nisbetts / Solicitors

Filed by: Nisbetts, Solicitors, whose address for service is Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

items that #RSCNPF officers confiscated from persons before and during the 2023 #Jouvert celebrations. As we stated ahead of the J’ouvert, we were wholly committed to protecting the festive vibe and we did so with vim and vigour.”

The statement went on to highlight: “Persons choosing to arm themselves to go jamming is of extreme concern. The ripple effects created by acts of violence are far-reaching and intensely detrimental to all of #SKNSociety, not just the immediate victim(s) of the crime(s). The time has come for us to seriously think before we commit certain actions - think of your #family, think of your #friends, think of yourselves.”

The RSCNPF is also taking

the opportunity to generally warn individuals ending up in the hands of the law since prison is not a prison.

“If you or anyone you know are desirous of a free #vacation, we strongly advise that you each try your luck at a raffle of some kind. Since its doors were opened, His Majesty’s Prison has never qualified as a hotel, resort, guest house, inn, or AirBnB. It does not accommodate optional check-outs; privacy is almost non-existent; the “tours” only stop at the Court House; and the views from the rooms do not inspire feelings of peace and tranquillity.”

“Nevertheless, as the main #lawenforcement agency in #StKittsNevis, our mandate is to maintain #law and #order in the Federation. As such, if we catch you being naughty, YOU WILL sleep at 1840,” the post concluded.

Notably, the lower part of the Facebook post has attracted much public interaction as people take the serious statement with a hint of humour through the public relations outreach by the police.

Moreover, in general, members of the public have been applauding the local authorities for the good work done for safety and security.

Photos: Displayed contraband items, weapons, and weaponised household items that RSCNPF officers confiscated from persons before and during the 2023 Jouvert celebrations (credit: Facebook/ TheRoyalSt.ChristopherandNevisPoliceForce)

New material found by AI could reduce lithium use in batteries

of Strathclyde, said the tech would need to be “treated with a bit of caution”.

“It could throw up spurious results, or results that look good at first, and then turn out to either be a material that is known or that can’t be synthesised in the lab,” he said.

This AI-derived material, which at the moment is simply called N2116, is a solid-state electrolyte that has been tested by scientists who took it from a raw material to a working prototype.

It has the potential to be a sustainable energy storage solution because solid-state batteries are safer than traditional liquid or

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gel-like lithium.

In the near future, faster charging solid-state lithium batteries promise to be even more energy-dense, with thousands of charge cycles.

How is this AI different?

The way in which this technology works is by using a

new type of AI that Microsoft has created, trained on molecular data that can actually figure out chemistry.

“This AI is all based on scientific materials, database and properties,” explained Mr Zander.

“The data is very trustworthy for using it for scientific discovery.”

After the software narrowed down the 18 candidates, battery experts at PNNL then looked at them and picked the final substance to work on in the lab.

Karl Mueller from PNNL said the AI insights from Microsoft pointed them “to potentially fruitful territory so much faster” than under normal working conditions.

“[We could] modify, test and tune the chemical composition of this new material and quickly evaluate its technical viability for a working battery, showing the promise of advanced AI to accelerate the innovation cycle,” he said.

Our fingerprints may not be unique, claims AI

Published BBC News



IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES

An AI tool has been able to identify fingerprints from different fingers, belonging to the same person.

By **Zoe Kleinman** - Technology editor

There is a belief that each fingerprint on one person's hand is completely unique but that is now being challenged by research from Columbia University.

A team at the US university trained an AI tool to examine 60,000 fingerprints to see if it could work out which ones belonged to the same individual.

The researchers claim the technology could identify, with 75-90% accuracy, whether prints from different fingers came from one person.

But they are not sure how it works.

"We don't know for sure how the AI does it," admitted Prof Hod Lipson, a roboticist at Columbia University who supervised the study.

Forensics

The researchers think the AI tool was analysing the fingerprints in a different way to traditional methods - focusing on the orientation of the ridges in the centre of a finger rather than the way in which the individual ridges end and fork which is known as minutiae.

"It is clear that it isn't using traditional markers that forensics have been using for decades," said Prof Lipson. "It seems like it is using something like the curvature and the angle of the swirls in the centre."

Prof Lipson said both he and Gabe Guo, the undergraduate student who came up with the idea in the first place, were both surprised by the outcome.

"We were very sceptical... we had to check and double check," he said.

That may not be news to others in the field.

Graham Williams, professor of forensic science at Hull University, said the idea of unique fingerprints had never been set in stone.

"We don't actually know that fingerprints are unique," he said. "All we can say is that as far as we are aware, no two people have yet to demonstrate the same fingerprints."

Crime scenes

The results of Columbia University's study could have the potential to impact both biometrics - using one particular finger to unlock a device or provide identification - and forensic science.

If, for example, an unidentified thumb print is found at crime scene A, and an unidentified index finger print at crime scene B, the two could not currently be forensically connected to the same person - but the AI tool could be able to identify this.

The Columbia University team, none of whom have forensic backgrounds, admitted that more research was needed.

AI tools are typically trained on vast amounts of data and many more fingerprints would be required to develop this technology further.

Additionally, all the fingerprints used to develop the model were complete prints and of good quality, whereas often in the real world partial or poor prints are more likely to be found.

"Our tool is not good enough for deciding evidence in court

cases but it is good for generating leads in forensics investigations," claimed Mr Guo.

But Dr Sarah Fieldhouse, associate professor of forensic science at Stafford University, said she did not think the study would have "significant impact" on criminal casework at this stage.

She said there were questions around whether the markers the AI tool was focusing on remained the same depending on how the skin twisted as it came into contact with the print surface, and also whether they remained the same over the course of a lifetime, like traditional markers do.

But this could be tricky to answer as the researchers are uncertain about exactly what the AI is doing, as is the case with many AI-driven tools.

The Columbia University study has been peer-reviewed and will be published in the journal Science Advances on Friday.

But a pair of twins in Cheshire might be ahead of everyone. Their grandmother Carol told the BBC her two grandchildren can open each other's iPhones using their own fingers.

"They showed me on Christmas day," she said. "We were told they were identical when they were born but I can tell the difference between them as they've got older."

She claimed that her grandchildren can also bypass

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To the Magistrate, District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.
I, **Zillah Gilbert-Govia** now residing in **Buckley's Estate** in the village of **Molineaux** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **02nd day of April, 2024**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Zillah's Side Pocket** in **Ferry Terminal** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this
04th day of January, 2024.

Signed : **Zillah Gilbert-Govia**

the handsets' facial recognition feature.

Fingerprints are formed before birth. Research published last year suggested the genetic process behind them may be similar to the way animals like zebras and leopards get their markings: a theory first proposed by codebreaker Alan Turing in the 1950s.

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Labour Overview 2023

ILO: Despite a lower unemployment rate in 2023, recovery of labour markets in Latin America and the Caribbean is still insufficient

New ILO regional report warns of the need for measures to help prevent formal employment precariousness and to stimulate the creation of more decent jobs throughout the region.

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LIMA (ILO News).- The labour markets in Latin America and the Caribbean, almost four years after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, show a full recovery in their employment rates. However, these are still characterized by the persistence of gender gaps, youth unemployment, informality, and loss of purchasing power of wages, the ILO Regional Office said today when it presented the 2023 edition of its Labour Overview report.

During the presentation of the 2023 Labour Overview, ILO Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Claudia Coenjaerts, noted that “the decline in the purchasing power of wages, both minimum and average, is a challenge that has a negative impact on the life quality of Latin American and Caribbean families. Despite the recovery in employment, the mass of total labour incomes is still below pre-pandemic levels”.

In the international context, -characterized by moderate global growth and high inflation- Latin America and Caribbean economies have experienced a widespread recovery, although they still face a complex macroeconomic scenario.

The world economy is projected to grow by 2.9 per cent in 2023 and, in our region, growth is expected to be 2.3 per cent, according to the IMF, and 2.2 per cent, according to ECLAC, for the same period. “While these rates indicate a recovery, they are below the levels reached in 2022”, Coenjaerts said.

This year, the dynamics of the labour market in Latin America and the Caribbean were characterized by an increase of less than 1 per cent in the regional employment rate. Participation, on the other hand, decreased slightly compared to the previous year (62.3 per cent in 2023 compared to 62.5 per cent in 2022) and, finally, an average unemployment rate of 6.5 percent.

“While urban employment returned to 2019 rates, there is still

some lag in rural employment”, said Roxana Maurizio, report coordinator and expert on labour markets in the region. This, therefore, has widened the employment gap in favour of the existing urban environment prior to the pandemic.

The rate of economic participation, as mentioned above, is lower than pre-pandemic values in both areas, around -2 per percent.

Finally, due to the more intense recovery in employment than in labour supply compared to 2019, the unemployment rate dropped in both urban and rural areas by 2.5 percentage points and 1.7 percentage points, respectively.

Gender, youth employment, informality, and wages

At the regional level, the recovery in female employment continued to be more intense than that experienced by male employment. However, gender gaps are persistent and remain very high in Latin America and the Caribbean.

According to Claudia Coenjaerts, “the female labour participation rate is 23 per cent lower than that of men, while the employment rate is 22.5 per cent lower. These disparities are even deeper between different levels of education”. This situation spotlights the need to promote transformative care policies, which would allow for greater equality between men and women, since the latter bear the greatest burden of care.

The report warns on the situation of youth employment. The unemployment rate for young people is 14.4 percent, more than double the overall rate of 6.5 percent. Notwithstanding, some countries in the region show significantly higher rates than those, reaching values close to 30 per cent.

In addition, historical difficulties experienced by young people in the labour markets of the region persist. They face increased work

intermittence explained by, in part, intense hires and dismissals from the workforce. The greater occupational instability, in turn, is associated with its higher prevalence in informal, precarious, low-skilled activities.

These challenges, the report warns, can be intensified by technological transformations. In the current context of a growing need for digital skills, vocational training emerges as an essential element to bridge the digital and skills gap between young people. In addition, it plays a crucial role in ensuring more employability and access to quality jobs for this group.

Job recovery has continued to be driven by growth in informal employment in most countries. Informal occupations have contributed to job creation by 40 and 95 per cent in the third quarter of 2020, and the second quarter of 2023.

The average labour market informality rate in the region stood at 48 per cent in mid-2023, however, in some countries it exceeded 70 per cent.

In that regard, the regional overview remains very complex. Even more so, considering that certain branches of activity - such as domestic service - with a high incidence of informality and female participation still falls behind in employment recovery.

“The region needs comprehensive measures that support the creation of formal jobs, strengthen labour institutions, and provide social protection and income to those who need it most in a constantly changing world of work”, Coenjaerts concluded.

Three Decades of Analysis to Build Decent Work

As a Special Theme for the 30 years of uninterrupted publication of the Labour Overview report, an exhaustive analysis was carried out that seeks to provide a comprehensive vision of labour evolution and contextualized within the framework of the broader transformations that Latin America and the Caribbean have experienced over the last three decades.

In particular, changes in the structure of employment are discussed, highlighting the decline of agriculture, stagnation of industry, sustained growth of services, and a great productive heterogeneity within and between economic sectors, as well as between regions and territories.

Progress of women -although insufficient- in the world of work, with labour force participation rate for women aged 15 and older rising from 41.3 per cent in the early 90s to 53.9 per cent on average in 2022, although it remains lower than that of men (76.3 per cent).

It also highlights the continuing challenge to youth inclusion and its projection toward decent work trajectories, in a context where youth unemployment rates more than double the totals, and employment and participation rates are significantly lower.

It also deepens the analysis of technological advances and accelerated digitalization, in particular the challenges of the present and the future of work, such as the adaptation of legislation and institutionality; the increasing expansion of digital work platforms, with needs and dilemmas for its measurement and regulation, remote work and teleworking, and the reconsiderations that arose in this topic with the COVID-19 pandemic and that will continue in the future.

“Labour Overview is not only a guide to decision-making, but also a photograph and a historical record of what is happening in our region”, said Coenjaerts.

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West Indies ODI & T20I Squads Revealed for Australia Tour

10 January 2024

St. John’s, Antigua - The Cricket West Indies (CWI) Senior Selection Panel has named both 15-man squads to play against Australia in three One Day Internationals (ODIs) and three T20 Internationals (T20Is) from 2 to 13 February 2024.

The ODI squad features two debutants, Grenadian top order batsman Teddy Bishop and Guyanese wicketkeeper batsman, Tevin Imlach.

Bishop has impressed with the bat on assignments for the West Indies Academy during the recent CG United Super 50 Cup and Academy series against Emerging Ireland. Imlach, who is currently in Australia with the test team, averages 30.1, having played 26 List A matches.

Justin Greaves, who has recently returned from a hamstring injury sustained in the CG United Super 50 Cup in November, gets a recall to the ODI team. He was particularly impressive at the top of the order in that tournament, amassing a total of 403 runs in his 7 innings at an average of

80.59 for the Leeward Islands Hurricanes.

Also returning to the squad are Hayden Walsh Jr. and Kavem Hodge. Walsh Jr. last played in the ODI format in July 2022, when the West Indies played India in the Caribbean. Hodge made his debut in June 2023 when he played in all three matches against the UAE in Daren Sammy’s first series as Head Coach.

Missing from the last ODI squad that won the series against England in December, are Brandon King and Sherfane Rutherford, who have both been given the opportunity to take up T20 franchise contracts during this period, along with Shimron Hetmyer and Yannic Cariah who also both miss out on selection.

In the T20I format, Alzarri Joseph, who was rested for the final two T20’s against England comes back into the team to replace Matthew Forde.

Speaking about the squads to face Australia, CWI Lead Selector, the Most Honorable Desmond Haynes said: “On the back of a series win against England, we are expecting our ODI team to be very competitive in Australia. We have some new inclusions, who have impressed over a significant period and a couple of returning players, who we think will have an impact. For the T20I series, this forms part of our crucial preparations for the upcoming T20 World Cup where we are hosts. We are hoping to build on strong overall performances against India and England and to keep improving as we approach the major tournament.”

The white ball series will follow the upcoming test series between Australia and the West Indies, which begins on 17 January and concludes on 29 January. Both teams will battle for crucial ICC World Test Championship points. West Indies have started their Test preparations with a training camp in Adelaide and a 3-Day practice match against a Cricket Australia XI which started on 10 January.

WEST INDIES ODI SQUAD

1. Shai Hope (*Captain*)

2. Alzarri Joseph (*Vice-Captain*)

3. Alick Athanaze

4. Teddy Bishop
5. Keacy Carty

6. Roston Chase

7. Matthew Forde

8. Justin Greaves

9. Kavem Hodge

10. Tevin Imlach

11. Gudakesh Motie

12. Kjorn Ottley
13. Romario Shepherd

14. Oshane Thomas

15. Hayden Walsh Jr.

WEST INDIES T20I SQUAD

1. Rovman Powell (*Captain*)

2. Shai Hope (*Vice-Captain*)

3. Johnson Charles

4. Roston Chase

5. Jason Holder

6. Akeal Hosein

7. Alzarri Joseph

8. Brandon King
9. Kyle Mayers

10. Gudakesh Motie

11. Nicholas Pooran

12. Andre Russell

13. Sherfane Rutherford

14. Romario Shepherd

15. Oshane Thomas

MANAGEMENT STAFF

Team Manager: Rawl Lewis
Head Coach: Daren Sammy
Assistant Coach: Floyd Reifer
Assistant Coach: Carl Hooper
Assistant Coach: Shaun Tait
Physiotherapist: Denis Byam
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Ronald Rogers
Team Masseuse: Dane Currency
Team Analyst: Avenesh Seetaram
Media Officer: Dario Barthley

Australia vs. West Indies ODI Series Schedule (Match start time in brackets)

1st ODI - 2 February - Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne (2:30pm local time/12am Eastern Caribbean/11pm Jamaica)

2nd ODI - 4 February - Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney (2:30pm local time/12am Eastern Caribbean/11pm Jamaica)

3rd ODI - 6 February - Manuka Oval, Canberra (2:30pm local time/12am Eastern Caribbean/11pm Jamaica)

Australia vs. West Indies T20I Series Schedule (Match start time in brackets)

1st T20I - 9 February - Bellerive Oval, Hobart (7:00pm local time/4:30am Eastern Caribbean/3:30am Jamaica)

2nd T20I - 11 February - Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (6:30pm local time/4am Eastern Caribbean/3am Jamaica)

3rd T20I - 13 February - Perth Stadium, Perth (4pm local time/1:30am Eastern Caribbean/12:30am Jamaica)

Australia: Steve Smith replaces David Warner as Test opener

From the sectionCricket



Smith is fourth on Australia’s list of all-time Test run-scorers

Steve Smith will replace David Warner as Australia’s Test opener despite never batting in the position in his 16-year first-class career.

Smith, 34, will open alongside Usman Khawaja in the first Test against West Indies in Adelaide from 17 January.

Smith has never opened in 167 first-class games, which includes 105 Tests.

“There were plenty within the team who were pretty keen to go on record and say that they weren’t keen to do it,” said selector George Bailey.

“So it was refreshing that Steve had come forward and said he wanted it.

“It was something that we’d been chatting about in the background as a selection panel with the coaches as well.

“It’s selfless that someone who’s had such success in one position or a couple of positions in the middle order is open and willing and hungry to go and have a crack at something new and something different.”

Smith began his career as a leg-spinner and number eight before becoming a prolific middle-order batter. He has scored 9,514 runs at an average of 58.01 in Tests.

He has batted at number three in 17 Tests - most recently in 2017 - although he has opened twice for Australia in T20s.

Smith’s record by batting position

Tests	Runs	Average
Three	17	1,744 67.07
Four	67	5,966 61.50
Five	19	1,258 57.18
Six	11	325 25.00
Seven	2	121 60.50
Eight	2	88 29.33
Nine	1	12 12.00

Smith’s move up the order will allow all-rounder Cameron Green to return in Smith’s current position of

number four, after losing his place to Mitchell Marsh during last summer’s Ashes in England.

Established openers Matthew Renshaw, Marcus Harris and Cameron Bancroft, the leading run-scorer in Australia’s Sheffield Shield in the past two seasons, have been overlooked in a 13-man squad.

Australia play two Tests, three one-day internationals and three T20s against West Indies before a tour of New Zealand in February and March.

Warner, Australia’s most prolific opener, retired after the victory - and 3-0 series clean sweep - over Pakistan last week, having scored 8,786 runs at 44.59 in 112 Tests.

Australia Test squad against West Indies: Pat Cummins (capt), Scott Boland, Alex Carey (wk), Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Marsh, Matthew Renshaw, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc.