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YOUR WEATHER

87°F
More clouds than sun with a t-storm

SUNRISE: 7: 11 a.m.
SUNSET: 6:53 p.m.
HIGH TIDE: 8:34 a.m. - 8:54 p.m.
LOW TIDE: 2:18 a.m. - 2:48 p.m.
WINDS: SE at 10 mph

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WANTED SUSPECT ARRESTED IN weekend operations

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Following two operations – Steel Curtain and Midnight Strike – over the weekend, law enforcement officers in Grand Bahama made several arrests, including wanted suspect, Kevin Williams aka 'POW.'

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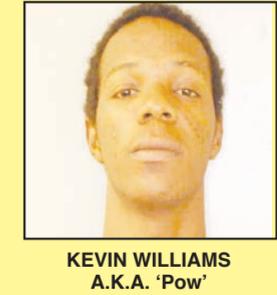
Sunday (October 7) Assistant Superintendent of Police and Public Affairs and Communication Officer (PACO) Terecita Pinder, provided an update on the weekend efforts, which were dubbed a success.

In keeping with the Commissioner's Policing Plan for 2018 Priority #1, "Crime Prevention and Reduction of Crime" and Priority #2, "Public and Road

Safety," officers of Grand Bahama arrested five persons and issued 67 Fixed Penalty Notices between Friday, October 5 and Sunday, October 7.

According to reports, on Friday, October 5 between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., officers of the Traffic Division conducted operation Steel Curtain, that covered most of the Divisions in

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CONGRATULATIONS – Honourary 'Godparents' Glenys Hanna-Martin and Deputy Prime Minister K. Peter Turnquest officially christened Independent Maritime Services Pilot Boat *Victory 1* with the traditional breaking of the bottle on Friday, October 5 at Bradford Marine.

(PHOTOS: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

IMS christens new vessel Victory 1

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Independent Maritime Services (IMS) christening of its Pilot Boat, *Victory 1*, on Friday (October 5) at Bradford Marine was described as an inspiration for many Bahamians by keynote speaker for the historic event, Deputy Prime Minister K. Peter Turnquest.

Congratulating IMS executives, DPM Turnquest noted that the company's story exemplified how it is possible to be successful in Grand Bahama in non-traditional sectors of the economy. "It should give other young Bahamians confidence and courage," he said.

Turnquest added that he is also encouraged by IMS.

He noted that everyday entrepreneurs and hardworking people, like members of IMS, show that Grand Bahama is indeed a

place for industry.

Turnquest stated that IMS has also proven that it is possible for young Bahamians to be successful in the maritime sector. "The market is ripe with potential."

The maritime industry is currently the third largest contributor to the gross domestic product (GDP) of The Bahamas, behind tourism and financial services, which hold the first and second spots respectively. It represents approximately 12 percent of the GDP in The Bahamas.

"The government certainly recognizes this. We secured a \$500,000 grant from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to finance a three-year technical cooperation project on the Blue Economy, because we want to educate more Bahamians about the opportunities within our marine environment," the deputy prime minister disclosed.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Deputy Prime Minister K. Peter Turnquest was the keynote speaker, during the dedication ceremony hosted by Independent Maritime Services (IMS) for the Pilot Boat *Victory 1*. The event took place on Friday, October 5 at Bradford Marine.

Lewis encourages Grand Bahamians to capitalize on entrepreneurial ventures

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Member of Parliament for Central Grand Bahama Iram Lewis, revealed that he has developed a Zone Development initiative, which is intended to utilize his constituency's allowance over the entire constituency, zone-by-zone.

Explaining the initiative recently Lewis said, "Over five years we are going to take each zone, over an annual period. Last year, we spent the funds in the Hunter's area, and that was money that was well spent. The YMTA was restored and we have the first smart park on the island and again that is properly utilized. This year we are also in the Lover's Beach, Hanna Hill and Bartlett Hill areas, that part west of the creek. We are focusing on that area. Year three we will be in the Williams and Russett Towns and the Malibu Reef areas. Year four Imperial Park and eventually Caravel Beach. We will move year-by-year, to ensure that once the money is spent, it will actually be seen in



a tangible way.

"We want to encourage the residents of Central Grand Bahama and Grand Bahama, in general, to look at the move that the government is making with respect to job creation."

Continuing Lewis noted, "We just passed the resolution to purchase the Grand Lucayan Resort, so we encourage our residents to look at the two categories of persons in the job market – those looking for a job and those looking to create jobs. There will be a lot of spinoffs from the hotel, so we want to encourage our residents to look at ways that they can partner with the hotel. There will be goods and services required by the hotel, so we want them to go beyond just looking for a job; seek ways that you can partner and see how you can become owners of your own businesses.

"One of the initiatives that we are starting in CGB, as a part of goods that the hotel might be

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