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Were they SCAMMED?

Retired Canadian couple claims they were duped out of \$14,000

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Bahama in 2015, which was when, allegedly, they bought a timeshare at Ocean Reef Resort. Two years later in February 2017, the couple returned to the island, however, they could not utilize their time share because the resort was not open yet.

"RCI referred us to Island Seas. We were invited to a presentation, which we went to and we were given the option to purchase at Island Seas," she maintained.

Mrs. Stewart claimed that she made it known to sales agents that they already owned a time share.

"The Sales Agent made it

known to the General Manager, who was Brian Bannister and he came over to us and he let us know that that was not a problem, Island Seas could buy Ocean Reef off of us and the offer that would decrease the purchase," she alleged.

According to Mrs. Stewart, Bannister offered them \$3,000 for their Ocean Reef timeshare which would be deducted from the \$17,000 price of the Island Seas timeshare they would purchase.

She expressed that Bannister also informed them they could complete this transaction without Ocean Reef's input.

"I did ask do we have to notify Ocean Reef, he said, 'no-no we will take care of all of that from this end,'" she alleged.

The Stewarts maintained that they decided to buy the Island Seas time share, they signed paperwork to confirm the exchange and paid the \$14,000 price in full.

"He (Bannister) had asked us to send the deed to Ocean Reef once we got back home, so we got back home and my daughter faxed it to him. In following up with him she asked him if it was sufficient and he said yes that



SCAMMED CLAIMS - Retired Canadian couple, Maureen (left) and Stanley (right) Stewart, is seeking justice after claiming they were scammed into a time share deal over a year ago, which left them out \$14,000.00. (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

was sufficient and to give a few weeks for the transaction to take place." Mrs. Stewart claimed.

During the interview, she presented screen-shots of the emails between their daughter,

Collette Dawson, and Bannister confirming this conversation.

Mrs. Stewart furthered that after a few months she thought they would have some confirmation from Ocean Reef

regarding the transaction, but that did not happen. So, she called the Ocean Reef offices and inquired about the transaction.

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Govt. to increase VAT exempt cap on electricity bills temporarily

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Movement) has made the decision to make provisions, as were outlined in certain exemptions in the 2018/2019 Budget.

"Mr. Speaker, you would recall that the government in the 2018/2019 Budget provisions made allowance that would exempt Bahamians whose monthly bills were under \$200.00 from the payment of Value Added Tax

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Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis announced in the House of Assembly yesterday, Wednesday, November 7, that due to the recent rise in the fuel surcharge aspect of consumers' electricity bills, the government (Free National

Car wash operators allegedly 'harassed' by police

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Eight young male entrepreneurs of Jones Town, Eight Mile Rock, who opened a car wash in their community yesterday - Wednesday, November 7 - claimed that they were assaulted by police after they did not produce a business license.

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