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Upholding law on transportation duty of police

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COP: FIVE OF SIX GB MURDERS SOLVED

- Crime in Grand Bahama remains at 26 percent
- Drug seizures in Grand Bahama remain a concern

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ma remained unchanged at 26 percent.

"With respect to murder, I am happier to report that for the first time since 2009, the murder count was less than 100.

"The overall incidents of murder decreased by 25 percent, with 91 incidents compared to 122 incidents in 2017. When we analyzed murder trends on a quarterly basis, we noticed some promising results," said Ferguson.

He explained, "During the first quarter of 2018, there were 26 murders representing a decrease of 35 percent. The second quarter, there were 28 murders representing a decrease of 15 percent. The third quarter, there were 16 murders representing a decrease of 48 percent. However, in the fourth quarter, there were 21 murders that showed an increase of 17 percent.

"I wish to bring to your attention that Solvency for Murder was 73.63 percent in 2018 compared to 57.38 percent for 2017, 53.15 percent for 2016

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ANNUAL CRIME REPORT – Senior police officials in Grand Bahama, along with media personnel and members of the clergy gathered in the conference room of the Gerald Bartlett Police Complex Tuesday (January 8) morning, joining their counterparts in New Providence for the annual crime report and statistics, presented by the Commissioner of Police Anthony Ferguson and his executive team. (PHOTO: SHAYNE STUBBS)

Overall crime down eight percent says police chief

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members of the press in New Providence, Grand Bahama and other Family Islands.

While the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) is indeed pleased with the reduction, thanking both members of the force and the public at large for working in tandem to come to such a conclusion, Ferguson stated that they are still not completely satisfied with the

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Overall there has been a reduction in crime by eight percent in 2018, when compared to the 2017 statistics, Commissioner of Police Anthony Ferguson revealed Tuesday, January 8, during a joint press briefing with

FNM Vice Chairman defends bus contract decision

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Free National Movement (FNM) National Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Grand Bahama FNM Council David Thompson, yesterday defended the government's decision in terminating the contracts of former assigned school bus

drivers, hired to transport students to government operated schools.

Thompson's remarks came on the heels of a protest staged by the drivers in front of the Harold DeGregory Building on Monday, January 7, claiming their contracts were terminated unfairly.

In response to the drivers' claims, Minister of State for Grand Bahama in the Office of the Prime Minister, Sen. Kwasi

Thompson admitted that the contracts were terminated and the drivers' claims "had no merit."

Tuesday (January 8) afternoon, the party's vice chairman stood by the decision and questioned the accusations levied by the bus drivers, who themselves did not practice diligence in the

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DAVID THOMPSON
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