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YOUR WEATHER



78°F
Partly sunny, a shower in the area

SUNRISE: 6:56 a.m.
SUNSET: 6:02 p.m.
HIGH TIDE: 10:00 a.m. - 10:19 p.m.
LOW TIDE: 4:13 a.m. - 4:25 p.m.
WINDS: ENE at 8 mph

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THE CONCERNS OF SWEETING'S CAY RESIDENTS

Today, Friday, February 8, *The Freeport News* begins a series on Sweeting's Cay, where residents expressed concerns on a number of issues that have plagued the quaint settlement for several years. Our reporter Jaimie Smith and photographer Jenneva Russell, had the opportunity to travel to Sweeting's Cay on Wednesday, February 6 and will tell the residents' stories through interviews and photographs. The series begins with the island's channel access.



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Fire destroys abandoned Bazaar Police Station

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Officers of the Fire Services Department were alerted to a fire the engulfed the former police station in the International Bazaar in the early morning hours on Thursday, February 7.

Superintendent Ernest Hanna, Officer-in-Charge of GB told *this daily* that shortly after 5:00 a.m. Thursday, officers of the Fire Services Department were notified of the blaze, which they responded to immediately.

"We received a call around 5:26 a.m. that there was a structural fire in the International Bazaar area. Our officers met the old Bazaar Police Station on fire.

"The police were no longer utilizing that building for quite a while now and so, we had no property on the inside; therefore, we lost nothing. But the fire gutted the entire building and the roof caved in. We believe that the

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DESTROYED – An early morning fire destroyed the former International Bazaar Police Station on Thursday, February 7. Police reported that there were no injuries. (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

Jurors hear final submissions in unlawful sexual intercourse case



FRED WILLIAMS
... Accused of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor

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Prosecutor Erica Kemp and defence attorney Carlson Shurland gave their closing submissions in the unlawful sexual intercourse trial of Fred Williams in the Supreme Court Thursday morning.

Senior Justice Estelle Gray-Evans is presiding over the case. Williams is accused of hav-

ing multiple unlawful sexual intercourse acts with the minor from October 2016 to November 2016; February 2017 and in November 2017.

In his opening remarks Shurland told the six-man, three-woman jury that the facts will demonstrate that the 16-year-old boy was troubled and confused.

He explained that sometimes people judge and accuse individuals for doing things that they think they did. "People are

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NO PASSING – Deputy Councillor for Sweeting's Cay, Sherwin Tate shows where a sand bank has formed, making the channel to and from that cay impassible during low tide. (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL)

Sweeting's Cay channel CONTINUES TO BE A VEXING ISSUE

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Traversing the channel between Sweeting's Cay and the eastern end of Grand Bahama during high tides and suitable weather does not pose a problem; however, low tides and adverse weather conditions which was experienced in the Northern Bahamas last week, makes mobility to and from the cay

nearly impossible.

A team from *this daily* – Jaimie Smith, reporter and Jenneva Russell, photographer – travelled to the settlement on Wednesday, February 6, where they had the opportunity to tour the cay and speak with residents and Council members, who were all passionate about their beloved quaint community.

Council members and residents, all, shared that they do have concerns regarding the

Cay. One issue that many alluded to was the rising sand bank that has, over the years, posed a problem for mariners traveling to and from the Cay.

Following a Council meeting, our reporter had the opportunity to discuss the inability to pass through the channel during inclement weather and low tides, as a result of the increasing sand accumulation.

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