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FNM should focus on transforming Majority Rule Day

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YOUR WEATHER

76°F

Variable clouds with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm

SUNRISE: 7:04 a.m.
SUNSET: 5:39 p.m.
HIGH TIDE: 1:40 a.m. - 1:55 p.m.
LOW TIDE: 7:50 a.m. - 8:13 p.m.
WINDS: E at 10 mph

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Whatever you're looking for, these local businesses ask you to consider them first.

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Police working 'diligently' to solve first 3 murders

- ACP Clayton Fernander and team dispatched to GB
- Residents assured police working diligently to bring closure to recent murders

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OFFICERS MOBILIZED – A team of officers from the capital, headed by Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Clayton Fernander, were dispatched to Grand Bahama, yesterday, to assist their colleagues in solving the island's and country's first three murders of 2018. Pictured seated from left are Chief Supt. of Police Loretta Mackey; ACP Clayton Fernander and ACP Clarence Reckley. Standing are officers from the capital, who accompanied ACP Fernander to Grand Bahama.

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DPM: GB murders early in 2018 'grave concern to govt.'

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Deputy Prime Minister Peter Turnquest, Member of Parliament for East GB said that three murders in Grand Bahama, so early in 2018, is of "grave concern to the government."

In a press statement Monday (January 8), Turnquest noted that the seemingly senseless killings, again, highlight the availability and violent use of firearms on the country's streets.

Following is Turnquest's statement in its entirety.



K. PETER TURNQUEST
DEPUTY PM

"The three reported murders on Grand Bahama so early in 2018, the most recent on Saturday (January 6) in the Port Lucaya area, are of grave concern for the Government of The Bahamas and no doubt all residents and visitors."

These seemingly senseless killings, again, highlight the availability and violent use of firearms on our streets. We remain determinedly committed to combat the smuggling of guns into our country and continue to make the strong appeal to have conflicts resolved in a more peaceful manner.

Three males, snatched so violently from us within the past week, weakens our family base, local communities and country as a whole. While the death of these three males cannot and should not be cheapened to economic impact, we will not ignore a very chilling and far reaching fact; two of the three violent killings took place at business outlets, endangering the lives of innocent civilians and visitors alike.

Saturday night's shooting at Port Lucaya Market Place drew unwelcome attention to one of Grand Bahama's pivotal economic hubs. We are confident the work of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, Northern Division (Continued on Page 3)



SECURITY MEASURES INTENSIFIED – Management of the Port Lucaya Marketplace have beefed up security in the area following a shooting incident, over the weekend, that left on man dead. Port Lucaya Marketplace (PLM) Managing Director Ivan Moss, right, is pictured with one of the security officers at PLM yesterday.

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PLM Managing Director says "no need to fear"

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Port Lucaya Marketplace (PLM) Managing Director Ivan Moss, yesterday, sought to allay fear of residents who frequent the local shopping and entertainment mecca following Saturday (January 6) night's shooting incident that left a local businessman dead.

In an interview with *The Freeport News* on Monday, January 8, Moss addressed public concerns due to what he termed, "an isolated shooting incident" that occurred outside a popular restaurant this past weekend.

Working in direct collabora-

tion with the Royal Bahamas Police Force, Bahamas Government and the Grand Bahama Port Authority, Moss along with PLM Chief of Security Oliver Hepburn assured residents, tourists and business owners, alike, that the safety of all is their top priority.

"Unfortunately, just one week into the New Year, 2018, a shooting incident occurred outside a new restaurant, *Fair Play*, within the Port Lucaya Marketplace, which led to the demise of a young man.

"While the incident was isolated, it proved quite disturbing to say the least. However, we want to inform the public that the initial dispute, which is believed (Continued on Page 3)

Cancer Society GB Branch set to host educational forum today

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Continuing efforts to sensitize and educate residents on the devastating disease, the Cancer Society of The Bahamas Grand Bahama Branch is set to host its first Educational Forum for 2018, this evening (Tuesday, January 9) at the Kevin Tomlinson Musical Academy, East Sunrise Highway beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. President of the local branch,

Lorine Miller, said that the Cancer Society of The Bahamas will be starting the New Year with education. "We will be hosting a forum for the public, free of charge. We have invited to speak persons such as Dr. Freeman Lockhart, who will speak about cancer in general, but more specifically Bone Cancer. We have also invited Jordan Bowe, a dietitian. She will talk to us about healthy eating habits not only for cancer patients, but learning to eat healthier in general. "Additionally, Cottrice Robinson, a physical therapist will

be speaking on Tuesday as well. She will inform us on the importance of physical therapy for those suffering from cancer or any other medical situation that persons may have, where physical therapy is needed, as it is a natural exercise, to heal your body. "We are hoping to have a very large crowd, because it is so important to know how to remain healthy regardless if persons are suffering from cancer or not. Prevention is always better than cure, therefore, we want to open up the year with education," stated Miller.

As hosting Educational Forums has and continues to be the objective of the Cancer Society Grand Bahama Branch, Miller noted that today's forum will certainly not be the last for the year. "We want to host similar Educational Forums again in the month of May, which is actually Cancer Awareness Month. We are looking to offer another Cancer Screening event in May as well. Throughout the year, we want to host such events so that everyone will be able to take advantage of them." (Continued on Page 3)



LORINE MILLER
Cancer Society of GB President