

"Toots" Hibbert settles suit over bottle-throwing incident

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RICHMOND, Virginia (AP) — Reggae band leader Frederick "Toots" Hibbert has settled a lawsuit he filed against the organisers of an outdoor festival in Richmond, Virginia, after he was struck in the head with a vodka bottle in 2013.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch reports that news of the settlement comes after attorneys for Hibbert and Venture Richmond, the organizer of the Dominion Riverrock festival, both asked a judge to dismiss the lawsuit last month.

None of the parties involved would disclose details of the settlement.

The 73-year-old leader of Toots and the Maytals had filed a \$20 million lawsuit in 2014, accusing Venture Richmond of negligence in planning security and alcoholic beverage sales.

William Connor Lewis received a six-month jail sentence for throwing the bottle. Hibbert's attorneys said Hibbert received a concussion and was left with an altered personality.

Teens charged with murder of Luciano's son remanded

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KINGSTON, Jamaica – The three teenagers charged with the murder of popular singer Luciano's 19-year-old son, Menelik McClymont, were today denied bail when they appeared in the Half-Way-Tree Resident Magistrate's Court.

The case has been set for April 21.

The accused: 18-year-old Jerome Coombs, 18-year-old Camanie Shaw, and Nashlyn Anderson, also 18, were arrested and charged after McClymont died as a result of stab wounds he received in February.

According to information from the Corporate Communications Unit, McClymont was stabbed several times on Saturday, February 27, around 2:30 pm in the vicinity of Parkington Plaza on Half-Way-Tree Road, St Andrew.

UPDATE: Man in student travel programme scam seeks bail

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KINGSTON, Jamaica — A man accused of defrauding several students out of US\$15,000 in an overseas job scam is scheduled to continue his bail application in the Corporate Area Resident Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Thirty-three-year-old Andre Bowen of Port View in Kingston 20, is facing ten counts of obtaining money by false pretence and fraudulent conversion.

The bail application was suspended today after the lawyer of the accused told the court that he had not received full disclosure in the matter. However the prosecutor has objected to Bowen's bail on the grounds that he is flight risk.

The prosecutor informed the magistrate that Bowen fled the island last October after the first report was made to the police and was recently arrested on his return.

Allegations are that while employed to a legitimate agency for recruiting students for work and travel programmes in the United States, Bowen created his own company which was not registered with the Ministry of Labour and fleeced students of US\$15,000, claiming that the monies were fees to help them secure jobs overseas.

A report was made to the Fraud Squad of the Counter Terrorism and Organized Crime Investigations Branch (C-TOC) when the students discovered that no jobs awaited them.

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Ackee dispute ends in death

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The Star Online

A man accused of chopping and killing another as a result of a dispute over ackees was ordered further remanded when he appeared before the Corporate Area Resident Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.

Charged with murder is Rosyaide Cunningham. Allegations are that on the day of the incident,

Cunningham and the now deceased, following a brief dispute over ackees, got into an altercation that turned physical.

During the tussle, it is believed that a machete was used to chop the now deceased all over his body, resulting in his death. Cunningham was subsequently arrested and charged.

In court, Resident Magistrate Judith Pusey ordered the accused man further remanded until March 22, pending a mention hearing. A fingerprint order was also made against him.

Trinidadian woman sentenced to prison for smuggling cocaine

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KINGSTON, Jamaica (CMC) — A Trinidadian woman was on Wednesday sentenced to 18 months in prison after she was caught trying to smuggle cocaine out of the country two weeks ago.

The police report that Daniella St George was preparing to board a flight at the Norman Manley International Airport when she was stopped, searched and four pounds of cocaine found in her possession.

When she appeared in the Corporate Area Criminal Court on Wednesday, she pleaded guilty. She was also fined J\$600,000 and will serve additional time if the fine is not paid.

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