

AFFIDAVIT OF ANDERSON PETERS

I Anderson Peters being duly sworn make oath and say as follow:

1. I make this affidavit for the sole purpose of stating facts related to the incident in which I was beaten up by the crew of the Harbour Master and pushed into the sea.
2. On Wednesday 10th August 2022, I proceeded on the Harbour Master Cruise, branded "Recovery", which was widely advertised. It was the first time I was in Grenada for carnival or the immediate aftermath of carnival since 2015 and I saw the cruise as a good way to relax.
3. I was accompanied on the cruise by three friends including a national cricketer and the soca artiste, Boyzie. The cruise was scheduled to take place from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm., with boarding time from 2:00 pm. However, the cruise left approximately an hour late.
4. I greatly enjoyed cruise. I met many people on the cruise who I knew and it was a very happy occasion with many people congratulating me on my recent achievements. At no time did I try to draw any attention to myself. As far as I was concerned I was just another patron on the cruise.
5. The cruise arrived back in port around 7:30 pm. Upon completion of the cruise, I immediately began disembarking the boat from my location on the top deck or third level. On my way down, I met my brother, Kiddon Peters, on the second deck. I was aware that my brother was on the cruise but we did not go together.
6. I was aware that there was to be another cruise. My brother suggested coming back for the other cruise. He said he was thinking of going home to change and come back. I checked my phone to see the time. It was 7:35 pm. I said to my brother that it's not possible to go home and comeback for 8 pm. At the start of the conversation with my brother we had stopped briefly but continued to walk as we spoke in the process of exiting the boat.
7. As we continued exiting the boat, a crew member, who I now know to be Abiola Benjamin, approached me from the left side of the boat on the ground level where the exit is located. He was seeking to hurry us off the boat. When Abiola Benjamin approached me, my brother and I were still walking and talking. Abiola Benjamin said to us, "You have to leave the boat; there is a next cruise". When he said that he was standing on my left side and I turned to him and calmly told Abiola Benjamin that we are in fact leaving the boat. Abiola Benjamin got aggressive after I responded. He said "You ent fucking hearing. Get off the fucking boat!" I told Abiola Benjamin that he didn't have to get on so; that we leaving the boat and that there were about 50 other people still on the boat. By then we were less than 5 metres away from the exit of the boat. I told Abiola Benjamin that we would be off the boat already if he didn't engage me. Abiola Benjamin

rage and was cursing wildly. Among other things he said: “**Nah nah, you ent fucking hearing me eh**”. I responded by saying “**Boss, ah fucking hearing you; ah leaving**”

8. My brother who continued a few steps ahead while Abiola Benjamin and I was engaged, stepped back and placed his left hand around my right shoulder and said to me “**Boy let’s go**”. As we turned to leave to make our way off the boat, Abiola Benjamin attacked me. He hit me a blow behind my head and I stumbled forward. I turned around and saw him approaching me so I pushed him and then turned to quickly exit the boat. At that point several of the crew who were subsequently charged and pleaded guilty jumped me. I tried pushing them off. But it was about five or six of them against me alone. As I later learned they had already floored my brother. They rained down blows on me. I received kicks and cuffs to my face, chest, back, belly and other parts of my body. I tried standing up but someone pushed me back down. And they continued to beat me while I was on the ground. I held onto the rope of the boat and to try to stand. As I was almost on my feet I was pushed overboard by one of the men who pleaded guilty.
9. I fell backwards in the water. I went down. Luckily I can swim. I was able to gather myself and swam to the point where the water joins the sidewalk and I was helped out of the water by a Grenadian friend.
10. The whole incident came as shock to me. Given the beating and humiliation I experienced, **it is truly painful to now hear it being said and repeated in the press and on social media, that I started a fight. It is not true that I attacked anyone.** I was attacked in the manner I describe above. **It is not true that I spat at or on anyone. It is not true that I threw water on anyone.** The only time I used any word that can be described as cursing, is when, as I said above, I responded to Abiola Benjamin, who was telling me in an aggressive and abusive manner to get off the fucking boat, by telling him that **I was doing just that. It is not true that my brother attack anyone. It is not true that I was drunk.** Over the four hours on the cruise, I had two drinks of Johnny Walker in a small plastic glass mixed with orange juice. **It is not true that I insulted the nationality of anyone.** I consider myself a Caribbean man. I have many Trinidadian friends in and out of the athletic community including Jereem Richards and my fellow javelin athlete Keshorn Walcott, who has been an inspiration to me. I do not in any way view what happened to me as a Grenadian-Trinidadian thing.
11. At no time during over three and a half hours on the cruise or after the cruise did I try to draw attention to myself or seek to be treated in any preferential manner. I am not that kind of person.
12. I have heard it being said that I refused to get off the boat. **I did not refuse to get off the boat. I did not delay getting off the boat. When the incident occurred it was less than five minutes after the boat had arrived back on the Carenage and there were still dozens of patrons behind me in the process of disembarking.**

13. I am aware that many people who were not present are confused as to what happened. In the face of this confusion, based on my own inclination and on advice, I remained silent, naively believing that the truth being truth would naturally win out. However, in the face of my silence, a concerted campaign of lies has been launched to plant a false narrative that I was the culprit; that I stated or caused the incident; and to hurt my image in the process.
14. This incident has been very painful for me. The false narrative making the round that I am somehow responsible for the incident is very painful to listen to. I have had to face the fact that my life could have been snuffed out in the twinkling of an eye. I have not been able to watch the video of me being beaten up. I have not been able to train since the incident due to the injuries I suffered. I have had to abandon the remainder of the 2022 season and it is still up in the air as to whether the injuries I suffered to my ankle and ribs would adversely affect my career in the long run.
15. I have chosen to give this statement by way of affidavit to underscore the fact that I am speaking the truth. I have been advised by my attorneys as to the consequences of stating any falsehood on oath and I therefore make this statement with full cognizance of the provisions of the Oaths Act, Cap. 217 of the 2010 Edition of the Continuous Revised Laws of Grenada.

(Sworn to by the within named Anderson Peters)

At my office on Church Street, St. George's Grenada)

This ^{23rd} day of August 2022)

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SUPREME COURT REGISTRY