

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
In The Supreme Court
Criminal Division
No. CRI/BAIL/00349/2014**

BETWEEN

ANTIN SEYMOUR

AND

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Before: Her Ladyship, The Honourable
Madam Justice Guillimina Archer-Minns

Appearances: Mr. Antin Seymour Pro se
Ms. Jacqueline Burrows for the Respondent

Hearing Date: 12 June 2019

RULING-BAIL

Archer-Minns J

1. The Applicant, Antin Seymour has renewed his application for admission to bail relative to the charges of Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm and Ammunition. He was previously granted bail on charges of Murder, Armed Robbery, Possession of Firearm with Intent to Endanger Life and Possession of a Firearm.

2. The applicant submitted that:
 - (i) he was incarcerated for some twenty-one (21) months;
 - (ii) he has kids to provide for;
 - (iii) subjected to much pressure and stress whilst incarcerated;
 - (iv) will abide by any conditions imposed by the court;

The court in all of the circumstances of this case, ought to grant bail.

3. The Crown filed an Affidavit in Response to the application dated 5 June 2019. This Affidavit was irrelevant as the matters deponed to were in relation to offences for which the Applicant had already been granted bail by Jones J in 2015 and Senior Justice Isaacs in 2016 with trial dates of 13 April 2020 and 6 September 2021 respectively.

4. The Crown objected to the granting of bail, advancing essentially that the Applicant was on bail for serious offences including Murder, Armed Robbery, Possession of Firearm with Intent to Endanger Life and Possession of Firearm when arrested and charged with the current offences for which he is before the court.

The Applicant has a propensity to commit offences of a serious nature – request that the court have regard to:

- (i) Section 4 of The Bail Act, that is the character and antecedent of the Applicant.
- (ii) Applicant's trial date for continuation before the Magistrate Court is 17 June 2019

In all of the circumstances of this case the court ought not exercise its discretion to grant bail to the Applicant.

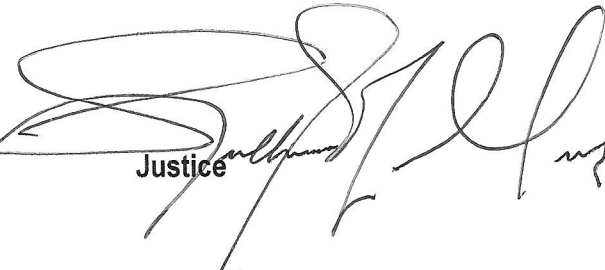
5. On 5 April 2018 the Applicant made an initial application for bail with respect to the current offences, the court denied bail.

6. The court has given further consideration to the application for bail, the submissions of the Applicant as well as those of the Crown, the relevant provisions of The Bail Act sections 3 and 4, the authorities of ***Duran Neely and Rashad Hepburn***, the competing interests of the Applicant, his presumption of innocence with that of the public, its safety and security, the status of the current charges, with a scheduled date of 17 June 2019, the court is of the view it ought not exercise its discretion at this time to grant bail. The Applicant was on bail for matters of a serious and similar nature as the current charges and seemingly has a propensity to commit offences of such a nature.

7. In the court's view there has been no significant change in circumstances - the proceedings with respect to the current charges are ongoing before the Magistrate Court.

8. The Applicant is at liberty to re-apply should there be any change in circumstances/following the court proceedings on 17 June 2019.

Dated this 12 day of June 2019


Justice