

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

VBI NO. 154/6/2024

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Criminal Division

B E T W E E N

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Respondent

AND

B.B

Convict

Before: The Honourable Madam Justice Petra M. Hanna-Adderley

Appearances: Mr. Sean N. Smith along with Ms. Eurika Coccia for The Director of
Public Prosecutions

Mr. K. Brian Hanna for BB

Sentencing Hearing: 3 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 28 July 2025

JUDGMENT ON SENTENCING

Criminal Law-Convicted of Counts of Incest, contrary to Section 13(1)(a) of the Sexual Offences Act, Chapter 99- Sentence of 20 years for each Count to run concurrently;- Convict is 46 years old.

HANNA-ADDERLEY, J

Background

[1.] On 18 March 2025, the Convict, BB, was convicted by a unanimous jury of 5 Counts of Incest of the Victim (name withheld for anonymity). He is before the court for sentencing.

The Facts

[2.] The brief facts are as follows:

- (1) Between Tuesday, 1 September 2015 and Wednesday, 30 September 2015, while in Murphy Town, Abaco, in the hallway of their apartment the Convict performed oral sex on his daughter the Victim by placing his mouth on her vagina and using his tongue and that he made her perform oral sex on him by placing his penis in her mouth and making her suck his penis. The Convict told her: "I only doing this to get you ready for when you have a boyfriend."
- (2) That 2 days after that night in the hallway of their apartment the Convict performed oral sex on her again and made her perform oral sex on him. That he told her to turn around to face the wall and put his penis in her anus thereby causing her pain which caused her to make noise and whimper. The Convict told her to be quiet because her mother's bedroom door was cracked. She continued making noise and he eventually stopped, after which she went back to her room.
- (3) That on another occasion the Victim and her brothers were asleep in her parents room on the floor because her parents had air condition. Her father woke her up in the middle of the night, her brothers were on the floor, and her mother was in the bed, and he made her perform oral sex on him and he then performed oral sex on her. While this was happening her mother woke up and asked the Convict "what you doing". He said "Oh I thought something was crawling on her" and pretended that he was looking for something. He then stopped and returned to his bed. Victim was 10 years old at the time of these incidents.
- (4) Between Monday, 1 February 2016 and Monday, 29 February 2016, at their apartment at Murphy Town, Abaco, the Victim was home one morning on midterm break. Her mother and her siblings had gone to the food store. She went into the living room and sat down on the sofa. Then the Convict made her lay down on the sofa and he performed oral sex on her and he only stopped when he heard his wife's car pull up to the apartment. The Victim was 10 years old at this time.

- (5) Between June and August of 2016 the Convict moved back to Freeport, Grand Bahama and returned to Abaco periodically to see the Victim and her siblings and he would take them to certain places. Between 1 December and 31 December 2016 the Convict returned to Abaco and he took the Victim and her siblings to Abaco Hillside Resort. That night he took her outside into the car and performed oral sex on her. He then placed his finger in her vagina. She told him it was painful and she moved his hand. Then he made her perform oral sex on him. He even asked her to spit on his penis and hold it. She said she did not do it. He asked her if his penis was big. She did not answer him. He just pushed her head down and made her suck his penis. The next night at the hotel she was awakened by the Convict. He said there was a sex scene on the TV and he told her that the pain the girl was feeling was “sweet pain” and he wanted the same thing for her. The Convict then took out his penis while the Victim was laying down and he pushed his penis in her mouth and started to move it back and forth. She was 11 years old at the time of these incidents.
- (6) In June of 2018, in the summertime, according to the Victim, she and her brothers travelled to Freeport with the Convict for summer break. Upon their arrival the Convict dropped her brothers off to her aunt’s house and then took her to his residence in Malibu Reef. He attempted to have sexual intercourse with her. He placed his penis at the entrance of her vagina and told her to push it in but she did not do it. He made several repeated requests for her to push it in. She did not do it. After a while they left the residence and the Convict took her back to her aunt’s house. On another occasion in June of 2018 the Convict took her on a drive, it was early afternoon, near an abandoned building. When he got there, he told her to go in the back seat and lay down. She did that. The Convict pulled her panties aside and rubbed some liquid in a brown bottle on her vagina. Then he tried to put his penis in her vagina. He was unable to because she kept moving. He tried to hold her down. He held her hands, but she kept moving. He was not able to do so. She was 12 years old at this time.
- (7) In July of 2018 while still in Freeport, in the middle of the night, the Victim was asleep, the Convict told her to follow him into the kitchen. He made her perform

oral sex on him and he ejaculated into his hand. He showed it to her and told her “this is what sperm looks like”. At this point a friend of the Convict was staying at the home and started to come into the kitchen. The Convict told her to hide but she did not understand what he meant and so she returned to her room. The Victim was 12 years old at the time.

- (8) In July 2019 the Victim and her siblings were back in Murphy Town, Abaco. They were staying at her grandfather's house. The Convict came there and took the Victim into his rental car. He performed oral sex on her and told her she “tasted good”. At some point one of her brothers came outside. He told him to go back inside. He told her to go into the back seat. He followed her and pulled out his penis and told her to sit on his penis. She said no. He kept begging her to sit on his penis and she told him no. The Victim was 14 years old.
- (9) It was not until 24 March 2021 that the Victim gave her mother her journal and asked her to read it. She wrote generally how she felt and gave a brief description of what had transpired with her father over the years. When asked why she gave her mother the journal she said she was going through a lot at the time. It was becoming too much to bear and she was having nightmares about the situation. She decided to give her mother the journal. That was her way of telling her mother what had happened to her over the years.
- (10) On the 26 March 2021 the matter was reported to the police. The Convict was arraigned on 24 September 2024 and pleaded not guilty. At the close of the Prosecution's case, he exercised his right to remain silent and not to put on a defence or call witnesses. It was against this backdrop that on 18 March 2025 the Convict was unanimously convicted of 5 counts of Incest.

Probation Report

[3.] The Convict's Probation Reports dated 11 June and 21 July 2025 (collectively referred to as “**the Report**”) were prepared by Mr. Laish Boyd Jr., Trainee Probation Officer at the Department of Rehabilitative/Welfare Services and was co-signed by Miss Wynelle Goodridge, Chief Probation Officer.

[4.] The following persons were interviewed for the Report, namely, the Convict, Ms. VNR the estranged wife of the Convict, Ms. EB the Convict's Mother, his maternal Aunt DLB , his son BB Jr., and the Victim.

[5.] The Convict was born on 21 July 1979 to Mr. DW and Ms. EB. He is 46 years old. His father did not play an active role in the Convict's rearing process and reportedly resides somewhere unknown in Grand Bahama. He has 2 younger siblings who reside in the United States. He has 5 children, 4 of which are children of his marriage to his estranged wife Ms. VNR. The eldest child is 26 and the youngest is 11 years of age. The Convict's primary education was completed at McCleans's Town Primary School. Then grades 7-9 of the now defunct Hawksbill High School. After this the Convict relocated to New Providence and enrolled in the H.O. Nash Senior High for the 10 grade. During the 11 grade he returned to Grand Bahama and attended the Jack Hayward High School. Upon completing the 11 grade, the Convict opted to enter the employment arena, and commenced working as a Fisherman and Diver.

[6.] The Convict considers himself an expert in the capture of bonefish, lobster, conch, and many types of seafood. Over the years he has worked for various persons, as well as on a self-employed basis and remained employed in this field, until his arrest and detention for the current offences.

[7.] On 25 June 2005, the Convict married Ms. VNR. Information received indicated that the marriage was tumultuous. It was reported that on many occasions over the years, his wife would leave and take their children with her. During the bouts of separation, Ms. VNR reportedly relocated to other islands, and engaged in extramarital affairs. The Convict noted that three (3) months after the marriage, his wife relocated to Abaco. Throughout the marriage the pattern of leaving for extended periods persisted.

[8.] The Convict alleged that his wife exposed their children to many strange men. In addition, he stated that he is of the view that the children may have witnessed his wife engaging in sexual relations with other men. The Convict further stated that his wife conceived a child as a result of an extramarital affair. That the Convict assumed the paternal role in the lives of the children, and rendered financial support to them. That his wife requested a divorce. However, the Convict refused to accede, as he is not a proponent of divorce.

[9.] The Convict maintains his innocence in this matter and repeated that he would never commit such an act. He is of the view that his wife told his daughter to make these allegations. He

suspects that lawyers trained and rehearsed with his daughter to make incriminating statements against him. The Convict did not take the stand on advice from his lawyer and is minded to appeal the conviction. The Convict is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, he is in good health and although he used to drink beers daily, he has not had a drink in several years. He does admit to regular marijuana and cigarette use.

[10.] Ms. VNR, the estranged wife of the Convict reports that she and the Convict were involved in an intimate relationship since she was aged fifteen (15) years. She became pregnant with their first child when she was aged seventeen (17) years. She deemed the relationship to be controlling, as the Convict policed her attire, and restricted her movements. The couple were married when Ms. VNR attained age nineteen (19) years. That there was a further deterioration in the relationship subsequent to the marriage. According to Ms. Rolle, the Convict frequented bars when he was not working. In addition, he reportedly returned home in the late evening, or in some instances he failed to return home. That she grew weary of the Convicts conduct, and opted to leave home for extended periods and stay with her father in Abaco. She added that during the marriage the Convict on occasion had sexual relations with her against her will, and urged her to, "shut up and take it". She also stated that he was involved in extramarital affairs.

[11.] Ms. VNR noted that on one occasion she contracted a sexually transmitted infection from the Convict, and this led to her opting to separate from him. The Convict was described as a dependable financial provider. However, Ms. VNR indicated that he did not play an active role in the lives of their children, and did not spend any of his spare time with them.

[12.] With reference to the present offences, Ms. VNR said that she received a Facebook message from one of the Victim's friends, who urged her to reach out to Victim because she was, "going through a lot." A few days later the Victim produced a diary, with the title, "Master of Disguise." The title referenced the Victim's feelings of having to hide the incidents that transpired between her and the Convict. Ms. VNR stated that the Convict denied his involvement, and said that he "must have been drunk". She was incensed at the situation and is relieved that the matter will be disposed of shortly, as the Victim still struggles mentally as a result of the Convicts actions.

[13.] Miss EB describes her relationship with the Convict as good. That she gave birth to the Convict at age 17. As she was a teen mother her 2 older sisters, DLB and MGT, now deceased, became the primary caregivers for the Convict. Although initially harbouring feelings of resentment towards his mother for "giving him away" as a child, the Convict and his mother in

recent times have been taking steps to foster a bond. He now refers to her as “Mommy”. That during his youth he at times left home without permission to go diving or fishing, but that this was the only behavioural challenge exhibited by the Convict.

[14.] That she never approved of him getting involved with his estranged wife. She was disrespectful to her mother hence she discouraged the union. But he pursued her and throughout the marriage his ex-wife would leave their children for extended periods that her philandering resulted in the birth of a child. Ms. Bevans is of the view that the Convict is not guilty of the offences and believes that his estranged wife orchestrated the events leading to his arrest and that she corroborated this by saying that she “make sure *[redacted]* goes to jail for a long time.” That she wanted the matter to be resolved speedily and for the Convict to establish a closer relationship with God, discontinue his smoking and consumption of alcohol.”

[15.] Ms. DLB, the maternal Aunt, of the convict was his primary caregiver in his youth. She described the convict as a very opinionated person who did not present many management issues during his upbringing. She would discipline him by scolding and time-outs, with occasional spankings for the usual childhood mistakes. That the concerned reluctance to divorce wife frustrated her as she recalled her unfaithfulness and constant moving. That the union was not productive or positive, and wishes he would agree to a divorce. That Mrs. Bevans had said that she would make sure that the Convict was sent to jail for a long time.

[16.] The son of the Convict, BBJr., reported that he and his siblings were primarily with their mother while growing up and that his father was always on a boat. He describes his father as hardworking and a good provider. He further stated, that the Convict always ensured that he and his siblings had money to do the things they wanted and that he would give “his last” for his children. He did not think that his father did the acts complained about because he was not around him and his siblings very much. He said that if these events had occurred he would have known as everyone was in close proximity and slept in the same room.

[17.] The Victim described her relationship with her father as being a close one prior to his actions. She recounted the fact that upon attaining age ten (10) years. That the Convict started to touch her inappropriately and justified his actions by informing her that this was to, “make her ready” for when she had a boyfriend. The Victim reported that on many occasions the Convict touched her private parts, performed oral sex on her, and also made her reciprocate the act. She noted that he also made unsuccessful attempts at penetrating her.

[18.] The Victim reported that she experiences insomnia, as well as loss of appetite. In addition, her relationships have been negatively impacted as a consequence of the Convicts actions. The Victim indicated that she is a mother of a daughter (aged 2 years) and at times she becomes apprehensive when she leaves her daughter in the care of her father (who is her paramour). Despite the same, the Victim indicated that she has done a great deal to not, “live in her trauma”, or be defined by her father’s actions.

[19.] The Victim reports that in 2020 she reached out to the Convict in an effort to determine the rationale for his actions. The Convict reportedly responded via voice notes, and informed her that he was not in his right mind. This angered Victim and to date she is tormented, and struggles at the thought of a father perpetrating abuse on his child. She is sickened by the events and is recommending that the Convict pay for the trauma and hurt that he inflicted on her.

[20.] In summary, Mr. Boyd states that the Convict maintains his innocence in the matter. Nonetheless, he has been convicted of a serious offence. Consequently, he must face certain punishment. It is hoped that following the Convict period of detention, he will strive to be a law abiding and contributing member of society. He believed that he could be rehabilitated.

Plea In Mitigation

[21.] Learned Defence Counsel, Mr. K. Brian Hanna asked the Court to consider the length of time that this case has been litigated, 10 years. That the Convict has no previous convictions. That the Convict never got the chance to live with and rear his children as his estranged wife kept leaving the matrimonial home. It is evident from the Report that the possibility of a stable home did not exist. Hence, the Convict continued to assist financially with the children.

[22.] That there was no indication of violence in the home, nor malice towards the children in all the circumstances. Applying the principles of sentencing, the guidelines set out in **Jason Lynes v The Director of Public Prosecution 2023/CRI/VBI/99/3**, Counsel suggested a sentence of seven years to run concurrently for all offenses as being reasonable. He submits that a sentence of 7 years would send a strong message to the community and it would also act as a deterrent to potential offenders.

[23.] Mr. Hanna submits that he took an objective view of a sentence being able to prevent this type of offence occurring. That one cannot foresee what will happen in each circumstance. The home that the child is raised in must be vigilant and must take some accountability for the well-

being of the child. There must be a continuation of educational awareness for all parties concerned. He submits that one cannot come to the conclusion that the Defendant alone should be punished.

[24.] Mr. Hanna referred the Court to the case of **Jason Lyons**, whereby the Court took express notice of the principles outlined within the case of **Dwayne Gordon v Regina** SCCrApp & CAIS No. 74 of 2014. That the balancing act that the court implemented was stern yet fair in granting a 15 year sentence to the Convict which was considered reasonable. Having regard to all the circumstances of this case Mr. Hanna was of the view that a sentence of 7 years for each count to run concurrently will be a sufficient sentence.

Submissions by the Crown

[25.] Learned Counsel Mr. Sean Norville Smith, Lead Prosecutor and Ms. Eurica Coccia, Assistant Prosecutor for the Crown referred the Court to Section 13 (1) (a) of the Act referred the Court cases, the case of **Dwyane Gordan (supra)**, also relied upon by Mr. Hanna and **BM v DPP** SCCrApp & CAIS No. 39 of 2023. In **Dwayne Gordon** the *Hon. Dame Anita Allen*, President of the Court of Appeal states:

“The law considers Incest a most serious offence given the maximum sentence of life which the law prescribes for that offence. In considering whether the judge was correct in imposing a sentence of 25 years and whether this Court ought to interfere, we must determine whether the court’s decision was outside the ambit of reasonableness or whether she was so plainly wrong that the only reasonable conclusion is that she erred in exercising her discretion in sentencing the appellant as she did.”

In this case the Crown submits, the Court found the judge’s sentence of 25 years to be appropriate and a reasonable exercise of her discretion and as a result, the appeal was dismissed.

[26.] In the case of **BM v. DPP** (supra) the appellant was convicted of two (2) counts of Incest with his biological daughter. He was sentenced 25 years in prison on each count sentences to run concurrently. His appeal was dismissed, and the convictions and sentences were affirmed. In his judgment the *Honourable Sir Michael Barnett, P.* concurred with the views expressed by the Court of Appeal in **Attorney General v Richard Campbell** Number 30 of 2004 when the Court stated:

“In our judgment where a person who is a mature person is convicted of a sexual offence with a minor, whether or not there is any relationship of trust, the only question is not whether or not they would go to prison but for how long. Where they are in a relationship of trust with a minor there can be no doubt that imprisonment is the only method of

punishment for that type of offence. We can say that without doubt at all. Children are not things. They are not objects. They are to be protected. They are not to be abused in any form, let alone sexual forms.

[27.] The Crown further invited the Court to look at the mitigating and aggravating factors in this case. That the only mitigating factor proffered was that the Convict has no previous convictions for incest. Counsel list what they consider to be aggravating factors:

- i. The Convict appears **not** to be remorseful for his actions and maintains his innocence;
- ii. The extensive length of time the sexual acts were perpetrated by the Convict on the Victim (a 5 years period);
- iii. The Victim continues to be traumatized by the sexual acts perpetrated by the Convict.

Recommendation by the Crown

[28.] The Crown submits that having regard to all of the circumstances, (aggravating and mitigating factors, the aims of sentencing in crimes of this nature) the Crown humbly suggests a custodial sentence within the range of 25 years to 30 years along with counseling.

Aggravating Factors

[29.] The aggravating factors against the Convict namely Bernard Bevans are:

- i. The sexual acts perpetrated against the Victim by the Convict began when she was 10 years old and ended when she was 14 years old, that is, over 4 years;
- ii. The Victim suffered physically (particularly the incidence of anal sex) and emotionally throughout the years of sexual abuse and she is still suffering emotionally because of it as outlined in the Report;
- iii. The Convict is still professing his innocence and lacks remorse;
- iv. The prevalence of sexual offences in The Bahamas;
- v. The seriousness of the offence.

Mitigating Factors

[30.] The sole mitigating factor is that the Convict has no previous convictions of any kind.

Analysis

Incest

[31.] Section 13 (1) (a) of the Sexual Offences Act, Chapter 99 provides that a male adult who commits incest with a minor is liable to life imprisonment.

[32.] The law considers Incest a most serious offence given that the maximum sentence of life imprisonment is prescribed for that offence.

[33.] In **Dwyane Gordon (supra)** the Court of Appeal found that the Judge's sentence in the Court below of 25 years imprisonment was appropriate where the Appellant was convicted of incest with his biological daughter of 15 years of age.

[34.] In **BM v The DPP**, the President of the Court of Appeal, *Sir Michael Barnett* referred to the following extract of the Sentencing Judgment of *Senior Justice Cheryl Grant Thompson* in the Court below with approval at page 17 and 18 of his Judgment, where she referred to the breach of trust between a father and a daughter in the case of incest:

"...This, notwithstanding the Court views the acts of the convict upon his daughter as reprehensible and the ultimate breach of trust of a parent, in this case a father who is expected to love, nurture, care, safeguard and protect his child from harm, danger or abuse of any kind of potential perpetrators. But instead of being that protective parent he is the very one who would have, by his actions, humiliated, abused and violated his own child of such tender years. Not once, but twice, repeatedly breaching her trust and even openly compared her to her own mother. Further, the convict lacked contrition. Notably at no point during the course of the trial or the sentencing process did the convict or counsel on his behalf express remorse for his conduct's. Matter of factly there was a consistent denial of the acts and as referenced in the probation report the convict maintained his innocence asserting that the virtual complainant made up the allegations against him and denied being verbally recorded by the virtual complainant claiming that it was a voice over.

*Even in the face of the jury's verdict the convict has failed to take responsibility for his actions, blaming the virtual complainant for the predicament in which he now finds himself. It is the view of the Court that the virtual complainant, a child, in the circumstances advanced in this case, certainly need protection and therefore adopts the views expressed by the Court in the case of *Whyllly* and I quote. "The courts in *The Bahamas* owe it to our children to protect them from those who would prey on them and have sexual intercourse with them at the age of 9 years." The case at hand involves a 15 year old, slightly older. But unlike the case of *Whyllly* the child was his own biological daughter. There is a golden thread which runs through both of these cases, namely the protection of children. As such a clear and strong message must be sent to those who*

would take the liberty to prey upon and violate the very essence and virtue of our children here in The Bahamas. Such behavior cannot be tolerated or condoned.”

[35.] In **BM v DPP** (supra) the Appellant was sentenced to 25 years, on each count to run concurrently, after being convicted of 2 counts of incest with his biological daughter.

[36.] The maximum penalty for incest is life imprisonment. Sentencing must always be proportionate to the gravity of the offence and promote a sense of responsibility in the offender for the offence committed. The object and purpose of sentencing is to promote a respect for the law and order, maintain a peaceful and safe society, and discourage crime by the imposition of sanctions. Sentencing should also be aimed at the rehabilitation of the offender so that he may reform his ways to become a contributing member of society. Such sanctions for breach of the law are provided by law for the means of sentencing (See **The Director of Public Prosecutions v Quincy Kevin Edgecombe** 2024/CRI/vbi/123/4 at paragraph 25). Again, in **BM v DPP** at page 17 of the President referred to the Courts reference to The Purpose of Sentencing and approved of *Justice Grant-Thompsons* analysis of the same as follows:

[37.] There are 4 classical principles of sentencing namely, Retribution, Deterrence, Prevention and Rehabilitation:

- (i) **Retribution** – in recognition that punishment is intended to reflect society’s and the legislature’s abhorrence of the offence and the offender;
- (ii) **Deterrence** – to deter potential offenders and the offender himself from recidivism;
- (iii) **Prevention** – aimed at preventing the offender through incarceration from offending against the law and thus protection of the society; and
- (iv) **Rehabilitation** – aimed at assisting the offender to reform his ways so as to become a contributing member of society.

[38.] Which of these factors will be predominant in determining an appropriate sentence will depend on the particular circumstances of each case (See also Halsbury’s Law Third Ed. Vol 11 (2) at paragraph 1188).

[39.] In the Court of Appeal case of **Prince Hepburn v Regina** SCCRAp. No. 79 of 2013 *Adderley JA (Retired)* offered the following guidelines as to sentencing at paragraph 36:

“In exercising his sentencing function judicially the sentencing judge must individualize the crime to the particular victim so that he can, in accordance with his legal mandate, identify and take steps into consideration the aggravating as well mitigating factors applicable to the particular perpetrator in the particular case. This includes but not limited to considering the nature of the crime and the manner and circumstances in which it was carried out, the age of the convict, whether he has past convictions of a similar nature and his conduct before and after the crime was committed. He must ensure that having regard to the objects of sentencing, retribution, deterrence, prevention and rehabilitation that the tariff is reasonable and the sentence is fair and appropriate to the crime.”

[40.] In individualizing this case to the present Convict is 46 years old. By the accounts of his mother and maternal aunt in the Report, he was not troublesome in his youth. They are in disbelief about what he has been charged and convicted of. They blame his estranged wife for what has happened. His son, his namesake, is also in disbelief about what has transpired, that to him the Convict has been a good father and good provider. His estranged wife according to the Report says otherwise and believed him to be a womanizer, to the point where he gave her sexually transmitted disease. More importantly, the Victim reports that she still experiences insomnia and loss of appetite. Her relationships have been negatively impacted as a consequence of the Convict's actions. She becomes apprehensive when she leaves her 2 year old daughter in the care of her father, who is her boyfriend. That when the Convict told her via voice notes that he was not in his right mind when he did those things to her she became angry that to date she is tormented, and struggles at the thought of a father perpetrating abuse on his child. She is, in her words, “sickened by the events” and she wants him to pay for the trauma and hurt that he inflicted on her. The Convict was in a position of trust, violated this position of trust in the most vile and egregious way. The abuse in this case lasted for some 4 years, robbing an innocent child of her childhood. Mr. Boyde stated to the Court that he believed that Mr. Bevans could be rehabilitated but as of to date he maintains his innocence. Rehabilitation I would think begins with acceptance of ones actions and taking responsibility for them. But I would not go as far to say that the Convict is beyond rehabilitation.


The Sentence

[41.] In this case, it seems to me that deterrence and prevention are the forefront when determining an appropriate sentence. I am also of the view that the aggravating factors far outweigh the sole mitigating factor. Having taken all the circumstances of this case into account, the Report by the by the Department of Rehabilitative /Welfare Services, particularly the impact of these offences on the Victim, applying the general principles of sentencing and the Court of Appeal guidelines as stated above, along with balancing the mitigating and aggravating factors in the instant case and the recommendations for sentencing of Counsel for the Convict and Counsel for the Crown, I hereby sentence you, BB to 20 years imprisonment on each of the 5 counts of incest of which you are convicted. These sentences will run concurrently with each other from the date of conviction which is the 18 March 2025.

[42.] In addition, during his incarceration, the Convict is to receive counseling on such terms and conditions as a clinical psychologist deems fit. The Court further orders that upon release the Convict is to be registered as a Sexual Offender pursuant to the Amendment to the Sexual Offences Act and Appointment Day Notice thereto.

[43.] Parties aggrieved by the conviction and sentence may appeal to the Court of Appeal by filing and service of the required Notice.

Dated the 28th day of July A.D., 2025


Mrs. Petra M. Hanna-Adderley
Judge