



# Dominica Freedom Party

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Dear Sir,

I write further to my letter of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. As you will recognise the letter was prior to the election, it is now post-election.

I note that the letter was neither acknowledged nor responded to by your office. However, you should *note*, it got media play locally and throughout the region. At paragraph 2) at the bottom of page 2 we made specific allegations of bribery. You are by section 11 and 12 of the Police Act Chapter 14:01 to wit **by S.11 shall have all such powers, authorities, privileges, protection and advantages, and be liable to all such duties and responsibilities...** and **S.12 (1)...***to take lawful measures for:*

- a) Preserving the public peace*
- b) Preventing and detecting crimes and offences*
- c) Apprehending and causing to be apprehended persons who have committed ...suspected of having committed or having abetted the commission of, or being about to commit, any crime or offence.*

Also, I have been informed and I verily believe that before the election you were formally informed that the conspiracy was already in motion. You have taken no action and as such your failure to investigate credible allegations of violations of electoral laws, constitute a dereliction of you duties as stipulated by the Police Act. Your action or, more appropriately, inaction to act in accordance with you legal obligations has serious implications in any democracy. May I remind you that the pertinent sections of the



Statute are to prohibit an act calculated to influence a vote (bribery); you had a gifted chance having the rare prior warning of a crime and you did nothing.

Sir, you were duly warned before, during and **NOW**. We are doing so again after the election. Further to, the two incidents of bribery noted in our letter of December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014, it was also publicly broadcasted that the leader of the Dominica Labour Party, Roosevelt Skerrit, was witnessed by many people on Polling Day in the Laplaine, Grand Fond and the Salybia constituencies overtly giving out materials and envelopes. Have you initiated any investigation on this matter like asking Mr Skerrit's security detail, your officers, if these allegations are true? If you did not, why? and if you did, was it confirmed? Mr Skerrit also said on the political platform in St. Joseph, Fond Cole and in Salybia that if Labour was voted in he will give every school child a tablet. This is a blatant public bribe or promise to bribe; both are serious offences under House of Assembly Elections Act 2.01 sections 55 and 56. There were also numerous truckloads of building material delivered to individuals in the Carib Territory; have you investigated these allegations? If not, Why?

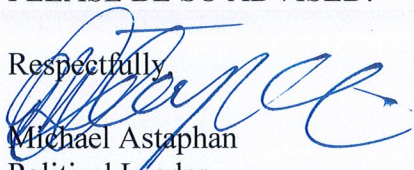
Mr. Carbon, as we informed in the last letter, you and your office have exposed yourself to be in gross breach of the law. In the circumstances, you having been informed of the crimes about to be committed, informed whilst the crime is being committed and now after the crime. Your inactions have corrupted the voting process and seriously undermined our democratic way of life.

We extend this courtesy to you because of our respect for your office and we expect no less from you. Your failure to investigate the crimes being committed in violation of our electoral laws are very serious breaches therefore we expect you to do the honourable thing and investigate these matters to safeguard our Democracy.

Failure to do so will bring you and your office into disrepute. We are seeking legal advice to see how best to bring legal action against you and your office to compel you to carry out your obligations should you fail to investigate crimes that have been perpetrated against our democracy and the people you are to protect.

PLEASE BE SO ADVISED.

Respectfully



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CC:

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