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**R. v. JERMAINE PERRYMAN**

**MODIFIED HUGH WOODING LAW SCHOOL BRIEF**

**In the Resident Magistrates Court**

**For the Corporate Area**

**Preliminary Examination held at Half-Way Tree**

**Before Her Honour Ms. Mercedes Benn, Resident Magistrate**

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2010**

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**JERMAINE PERRYMAN**

For Attempted Murder

**AND THIS DEPONENT: APRIL ANTOINE**

**ON HER OATH SAITH AS FOLLOWS:**

My name is April Antoine. I am presently the Director of guest relations at the Sandals Hotel, Trafalgar Road, Kingston 5 in the Parish of St. Andrew. I am thirty (30) years of age. I live at #13, Haig Street, Highland Park, Kingston 33 in the Parish of St. Andrew. Sometime around 10:35 a.m. on Saturday February 18, 2010. I had just returned home from running some errands in town. I parked my vehicle directly into our carport which is at the right side of our house. I got out of the vehicle and walked to the family home. Just as I opened the front door to our house and was about to enter the house I heard loud voices coming from the backyard. I then turned and went around the side of the house to the backyard. When I got there I saw my mother Paula. She appeared agitated. She was having a heated argument with our next-door neighbour, Jermaine Perryman.

Our family has had arguments before with Jermaine Perryman and his family. They have accused us of trespassing on their land because where we had planted a rose garden close to their property but on our land. They came to live in our area about three years ago. The Perrymans have accused us of having the rose garden on their land. We have said no and that we are not moving the rose bushes. The Perrymans have said we should move it and pay for a surveyor to determine the boundaries. We have refused to do so.

I walked over to Jermaine Perryman and told him not to speak to my mother in that manner and that we are not ghetto people like they are. At this time Jermaine Perryman flew into a rage and grabbed me and started to slap me. I fell to the ground and Jermaine Perryman fell on top of me. We both started struggling. I tried to get away from him. He then dragged me over the boundary of our yard and into his premises.

He dragged me close to his kitchen back door and said he would deal with me once and for all. He said that he already knew what he would tell the police when they come for him because I am in his yard. He then ran into his nearby kitchen and as I was now getting up off the ground I saw him lunge at me. It was

then that I noticed that he had a knife in his hand. He stabbed at me with the knife. He stabbed me in the chest and about the body. I started screaming for my mother to come and help me. My mother told Jermaine to stop stabbing me. Jermaine did not stop. My mother then ran into our house screaming for help and the police. As I struggled with Jermaine I eventually got away from him and I ran into my house. I began to feel faint and I fell down in my kitchen onto the floor. I was bleeding from my wounds and I lost consciousness. I regained consciousness. My mother called for the police. Both the police and an ambulance came to my house. The ambulance later transported me to The Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) where I was examined and detained. I spent three weeks in the hospital where I was attended to. I had surgery to save my life.

Some two days later I was visited in the hospital by one Officer Elmer Smith. I gave him a statement as to what happened on that day. I realized he was the same officer that I had seen at my home on the day I got stabbed. I gave him a blouse which was torn and covered in blood that I had been wearing when Jermaine attacked me. I see that blouse now and state that it is the blouse I was wearing when I was stabbed by Mr. Perryman. – Blouse marked Exhibit 1.

Sometime around 1:00 p.m. on Monday May 27, 2010, I went to the City Police Station (CPS). As I entered the CPS I saw Jermaine Perryman seated on a bench. I said to him, “Jermaine, why is it that you tried to kill me?” He said, “I never try to kill you, is you who attack me.” I then turned to Officer Smith who was present and said to him, “Officer this is the man that attacked me.” I then left the CPS station.

Cross-Examination: by Mr. Snooks for the Defendant.

I did not curse at Jermaine Perryman and his family. I never called Jermaine Perryman’s girlfriend a whore. I did not tell Jermaine Perryman that he was from the ghetto and had no right living among decent people. I did not call Jermaine Perryman a drug dealer. I did not go over into his yard and throw stones at him and his house. I did not tell him I would deal with him and his family. I did not grab onto Jermaine Perryman’s shirt and slap him. I did not try to hit Jermaine Perryman with a stone. My mother is not an alcoholic. Yes she has had a glass of wine from time to time. Jermaine Perryman is the one that attack me. Jermaine Perryman is the one that tried to kill me. I did not do Jermaine Perryman anything to make him try to kill me.

The foregoing deposition was taken in the presence of the defendant who had an opportunity to cross examine the witness. It was read over to the witness who signed it in my presence.

Signed

April Antoine

Sgd Mercedes Benn,

Resident Magistrate for the Corporate Area

AND THIS DEPONENT: PAULA ANTOINE

ON HER OATH SAITH AS FOLLOWS:

My name is Paula Antoine. I am 53 years old and I am a civil servant. I work at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Center.

On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 around 10:35 a.m. I was at home at # 13, Haig Street Highland Park, where I reside with my daughter April Antoine. I was in the backyard doing some gardening on my roses. I am very proud of my roses since I worked really hard to see them to maturity. As I was working on my roses, I was complaining to myself that someone has broken some of my rose plants. I heard like footsteps in the yard around the area where I was working. I was stooping down close to the ground doing the gardening, with my head down looking at the ground and roses as I worked. I did not see the person approaching from far off as they approached. It is only when they were close that I heard the footsteps and looked up. It was my neighbour Jermaine Perryman. He and his family live on the eastern side of my house at #15, Haig Street. He came up to me and started to curse me. I did not respond to him. He said that he had already told me to get off his property and to remove my roses from off his land. I simply replied I was on my property and that I was not moving. He continued to curse at me.

I then saw my daughter April Antoine came around back from the side of the house. She asked me what was going on and I told her that Jermaine Perryman was cursing me again. She then turned to Jermaine and told him that he cannot speak to me in that manner and curse at me. Jermaine flew into a rage and shouted that he was fed up of me and my family. He said that he would deal with us once and for all. He then grabbed on to April and started to hit her. I screamed at him to let her go but he did not. Jermaine dragged April into his yard and pulled her by his back steps. I ran inside my kitchen through the back door to call the police. When I dialed 911 I told the police to come because my neighbor was killing my daughter. I told them where I lived and begged them to come quickly. I then saw April came into the kitchen. She collapsed onto the kitchen floor. There was blood on her blouse and she was bleeding. I was hysterical. She said to me that Jermaine had stabbed her. Sometime after this the police and an ambulance arrived at my home. My daughter was still on the kitchen floor. Her eyes were rolled back up in her head but she was breathing. The police officer identified himself to me as Officer Elmer Smith #234. He asked me what happened and I told him that Jermaine Perryman had tried to kill my daughter. The ambulance took my daughter away to the PMH and I followed in the family car. At the hospital she was attended to by the doctors and taken to surgery. She spent three weeks in the hospital. She had surgery to save her life while she was in the hospital.

Cross-Examination of the deponent by Mr. Snooks for the defendant:

I did not curse at Jermaine Perryman. I did not set up Jermaine Perryman on purpose. I did not try to anger Jermaine Perryman on purpose. I did not threaten Jermaine Perryman in the past. Yes I do not get along with Jermaine Perryman and his family. Yes I think Jermaine Perryman and his family are a bad influence in the neighbourhood. No I am not an alcoholic. Yes I do have a drink from time to time. No, I did not attack Jermaine Perryman on that day. No I did not tell my daughter April to deal with Jermaine Perryman and his family. Yes I had gardening tools with me on that day. No I did not have a cutlass with me among the tools that I was working with in the garden that day. No I did not hit Jermaine Perryman.

No, I did not threaten to hit Jermaine Perryman. No, I did not threaten to deal with Jermaine Perryman and his family.

The foregoing deposition was taken in the presence of the defendant who had an opportunity to cross-examine the witness. It was read over to the witness who signed it in my presence.

Signed

Paula Antoine

Sgd Mercedes Benn,

Resident Magistrate for the Corporate Area

**Statement of Detective Corporal Elmer Smith #234:**

My name is Elmer Smith Detective Corporal #234 attached to the Central Detective Unit. On Saturday 18th February, 2010 around 10:40 a.m. I was on duty at the CDU office when I received a telephone call from one Paula Antoine who told me to come to her home because he daughter was being murdered. As a result of this information I received, I along with P.C. Calvin Farrell 456 went to #13, Haig Street, Highland Park. On my arrival around 11:00 a.m. I spoke to a woman who identified herself to me as one Paula Antoine. She gave me certain information. Ms. Paula Antoine took me to her kitchen where I observed a young female on the ground. Ms Antoine indicated that it was her daughter April. I observed suspected blood stains on the clothing of the young lady and on the ground. The young lady was breathing in a shallow manner. An ambulance had arrived at the house soon after I had arrived there. I caused the ambulance to take the young lady to the PMH.

I noticed blood stains that led from the Antoine's kitchen to the backyard, across a rose bush portion of the yard and into the adjoining yard. I saw the blood stains lead a short distance to the kitchen back door of the neighbouring home. I called out to the house for any occupants, but no one answered my call.

Some two days later I went to the female surgical ward at the PMH and there I spoke to Doctor Patrick Sweeting. I collected a medical from him in the name of April Antoine. He filled out signed. I also signed the form. I also spoke to April Antoine and she gave me a statement and a blouse that was torn and covered in blood. She said it was the blouse she was wearing when Jermaine Perryman stabbed her. This is the blouse she gave me (marked Exhibit 1).

On Saturday May 24 2010 around 10:00 a.m. I and P.C. Calvin Farrell # 456 were on patrol in an unmarked police vehicle in the Rock Crusher area where we recognized a man by the name of Jermaine Perryman. I approached the suspect and identified myself to him as a police officer. I asked him if he was indeed Jermaine Perryman and he said yes. I then told him that I had a warrant for his arrest and told him that he was under arrest for questioning reference to attempted murder of April Antoine reference to information received. He said to me, "Officer that girl curse me and attack me in my own yard". The suspect was then cautioned by me. I took him to the Chesapeake Road police station where I checked him in and later took him to the CPS for further enquiries.

Around 1:00 p.m. that day at the CPS, April Antoine came into the station, she saw Jermaine Perryman seated on a bench. She said to him "Jermaine why is it that you try to kill me?" He answered and said, "I did not try to kill you. Is you who come at me first." April Antoine then turned to me and said, "Officer this is the man that stabbed me. April Antoine then left the police station.

As a result of my investigations and information I had received I formally charged the accused for this matter and cautioned him and informed him of his rights. He made no reply.

**Cross examination of the deponent by Mr. Snooks for the defendant**

I properly investigated this matter. Yes I did arrest the accused. I cautioned him. I spoke to the accused. He never told me that he had a girl friend or a wife. The accused did say that April Antoine and her family always interfere with him. The accused did not say that April Antoine and her family curse him all the time. He did say that it was April Antoine that had attacked him first. I knew the accused from before. He had complaints lodged against him about his behaviour from before. It was from some of his neighbours in the area he used to live in before, in Rock Crusher area. He had been spoken to about cursing his neighbours. That was three years ago. I do not have anything or any grudge against the accused because he came from a poor area.

The foregoing deposition was taken in the presence of the defendant who had an opportunity to cross examine the witness. It was read over to the witness who signed it in my presence.

Signed Elmer Smith

Sgd Mercedes Benn,

Resident Magistrate for the Corporate Area

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**JERMAINE PERRYMAN**

For Attempted Murder

**AND THIS DEPONENT: DR. PATRICK SWEETING,**

**ON HER OATH SAITH AS FOLLOWS:**

**I am Dr. Patrick Sweeting, MBBS, FRCS (Edinburgh) and I am a Cardiothoracic Surgeon.**

Ms April Antoine was admitted to the female surgical ward of Princess Margaret Hospital on February 18, 2010 at 11:47 a.m. after allegedly being stabbed in her chest and right forearm.

On examination she was semi conscious, pulse rate 148 per minute, blood pressure 70/40 mm Hg, respiratory rate 52 per minute. Her mucous membranes were pale.

There were two wounds to the left side of the chest: one, a stab wound was in the third intercostal space, 10 cm from the midline; It measured 3 cm x 0.5 cm. The second, an incised wound, was over the sternum, just left of the midline, in the region of the fourth rib. It measured 3 x 0.3 cm. In addition, there were two incised wounds on the posterior aspect of the distal left forearm, each measuring 3 x 0.5 cm.

At surgery the first wound described was seen to have lacerated to upper lobe of the left lung. There was a haemopneumothorax; 830 ml of frank blood and blood clots was present in the left pleural cavity. The left lung was collapsed.

Her initial treatment included repair of the lung laceration, insertion of a chest tube for relief of the haemopneumothorax, blood transfusion, intravenous fluid replacement and suturing of the incised wounds.

Her wound was complicated by infection and sepsis for which she was treated with antibiotics.

She was discharged on March 10,2010

The foregoing deposition was taken in the presence of the defendant who had an opportunity to cross examine the witness. It was read over to the witness who signed it in my presence.

Signed

*Dr. Patrick Sweeting*

Sgd Mercedes Benn,

Resident Magistrate for the Corporate Area

## CASE FOR THE DEFENCE

### STATEMENT OF JERMAINE PERRYMAN:

My name is Jermaine Perryman. I live at #15, Haig Street Highland Park, Kingston 33 in the Parish of St. Andrew. I am 35 years old. I am unemployed at this time. I have known April Antoine since I moved into the Highland Park area in June 2006. I used to live in the Rock Crusher area before and I wanted to move up in life so I moved to Highland Park. April Antoine and her mother Paula live next door to me in # 13 Haig Street Highland Park. When I moved into my house I realized that the Antoines had a set of rose bushes planted on my premises. I had politely asked them to remove the bushes from my property since as far as I was aware the roses were on my land. The mother, Ms Paula Antoine, informed me that she was a good Christian woman and that since she had moved into the area she had always planted roses in that area. She said that even the former owners had queried the location of the rose bushes but she did not move them. She appeared to be drunk. I saw her drunk several times before.

On Saturday February 18 2010 around, 10:20 a.m. I was at home in my home doing some house work. Around that time I went into my kitchen. As I got to the kitchen sink area I looked through the window. I saw my neighbour Paula Antoine in my yard tending to some rose bushes.

I went out into my yard and heard Ms Paula Antoine cursing and saying these ghetto people come to live around by her and breaking up her roses. I asked her to whom she was referring? She got up from where she was stooping and came directly into my yard in my face and said I mean you and your whore of a ghetto wife. She also said that we are not even married but want to tell decent respectable people what to do; plus we now move into the area to live so we better behave or she will deal with us once and for all.

At the time her breath smelled of alcohol and she was loud and abusive. At the same time her daughter April Antoine came around the side of the house. She heard her mother cursing me. She immediately joined her mother in cursing me. She said I was a drug dealer and that was from the ghetto. She said that my wife was a whore and that it was better that we moved out the area since we do not work and only brought down the tone of the neighbourhood.

This made me very upset so I used some very bad words to them. I turned to walk away back to my house. At this time Paula Antoine took up a stone and threw it behind me. I turned back around and cursed her real bad because I was upset. April then took up some rocks from in her yard and started to throw them at me. She then came into my yard behind me and grabbed onto my shirt. She cursed me and said I couldn't talk to decent people like that. She slapped me and we started to struggle. We both fell onto the ground. We rolled on the ground a bit. We ended up close to where my back steps were. At this time I saw the mother Paula coming into my yard she had the cutlass in her hand that she was doing her gardening with. Paula looked like she was going to damage me as I was helpless on the ground. I reached out my hand and it landed on a kitchen knife that my wife had left by the back steps where she was cleaning and cutting up some fish. I grabbed the knife and struck out. I cannot say if it landed or not but I struck out wildly a few times. It may or may not have hit April.

My wife, Ellen Smelley, we are not married but I have been with her for the last five years so that I call her my wife, She was in was in the kitchen. I could hear her screaming for the Antoines to leave me alone.

After I had lashed out with the knife April got up and went over to her house. She was still cursing me and saying she will make sure that I spend the rest of my life in jail for hitting her. I did not notice any blood on her. I went inside and my wife held on to me and cried.

At this same time my mother, Pearl Perryman, who was spending a few days with me and my wife, came into the kitchen holding her chest. She indicated that she had heard all the commotion. She came into the



kitchen and saw my clothes all disheveled. She told me that she was not feeling well and asked me to take her to the hospital immediately.

I put on a clean t-shirt and along with my wife we took my mother to the Doctors Hospital. At Doctors Hospital she was taken to the accident and emergency section and was immediately attended to by several physicians. She had to be admitted to hospital on a ward. My wife and I spent the next two days at the hospital looking after my mother.

When she was released from the hospital my mother insisted on going to her own home in Rock Crusher. We took her there and stayed with her. I know my mother has had a heart condition for years. My wife went back and forth from the house bringing clothes for us and making sure that the house was safe.

On May 24, 2010 I went to the local pharmacy to get some medication for my mother. I saw a motor vehicle slowly approaching me. I got nervous because I know that the area is a bit dangerous and I was not sure if it was gunmen coming to rob me. At that time a man got out of the car and said he was a police and his name was Officer Elmer Smith # 234. He did not show me any identification.

He said that I had tried to kill my neighbour April Antoine. I told him officer that woman attacked me in my own yard. I told him that she and her mother had tried to beat me up and were throwing rocks at me and my home and cursing me. I told him that they are the ones who are wrong, why doesn't he go and arrest them instead. He told me to shut up. He then arrested me and put me in the car. There was another officer in the car he did not say anything to me. I was taken to the Chesapeake road police station. At the station he showed me a document and said that it was a warrant for my arrest. He did not allow me to see it nor read it.

He then took me to the CPS. He put me to sit on a bench. As I was sitting on the bench I see April Antoine walk in. She turned to me and asked me why I try to kill her? I told her that is she and her mother who cursed me and attacked me in my own yard. I told her that her mother was drunk and that it was she and her mother who were throwing stones at me. She sucked her teeth and walked out of the station.

Officer Smith then charged me for attempted murder. He cautioned me. I told him that it was the woman and her mother that has attacked me in my own yard, I told him that the mother was drunk at the time and was smelling of alcohol and was cursing me. I told him that is when the daughter jump in and started to throw rocks at me and curse me and grabbed my shirt and slapped me.

He told me to be quiet and that I could say whatever I had to say to the magistrate. I was taken before the magistrate the next day. I was eventually given bail by the Supreme Court and my wife stood my bail in the sum of \$15,000.

Signed – Jermaine Perryman

### **STATEMENT OF ELLEN SMELLEY**

My name is Ellen Smelley. I live at # 15, Haig Street, Highland Park, Nassau Bahamas, I live there with my husband Jermaine Perryman. We are not legally married but have been together about five years now. We used to live in Rock Crusher area but approximately three years ago we moved to this new address. It is a much nicer area than that one we used to live in. From the time that we moved into the new house the neighbours next door started giving us trouble. We realized that they had taken a good portion of our land some 9 feet of it and had used it to plant a rose garden. My husband Jermaine spoke to them several times about moving this garden but they absolutely refused to do so. The mother of the house, one Ms Paula Antoine, would drink alcohol and be drunk on many occasions. I have seen her drunk in the yard several times. Whenever my husband spoke to her about moving the rose garden Paula would get very upset and curse him. She told him that I was a whore and that I and he were low class ghetto people who did not deserve to live among decent Christian people. He would just turn his back on her and leave her alone in that state. I was very fed up with the situation and I trampled on the rose garden several times destroying some of the roses. I hoped that this would make her move the garden.

On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2010, around 10:20 a.m. I was at home with my husband he was doing some work around the house and went into the kitchen. I soon heard the back door open and I went to the kitchen to see what he was doing. As I got to the kitchen I looked through the kitchen window. I saw Paula Antoine on our land and close up in my husband's face. She was cursing and carrying on. She called my husband a drug lord and called me a whore and said we were ghetto people and that we needed to move from the area. I could see her swaying on her legs and she appeared drunk.

I heard Jermaine tell Paula Antoine to leave him and alone and let him live in peace. I then saw Paula's daughter April come into the backyard. I could hear April cursing my husband and saying that we whoring ghetto people need to go back where we come from and not bother good Christian law abiding citizens. At this time my husband turned and started to walk towards our kitchen door. I saw Paula and April following him further into our yard. I heard April saying that she had enough and today she will deal with my husband. I heard Paula telling April to deal with my husband once and for all. I then saw Paula pick up a stone from in the yard and threw it at my husband. It did not hit him. I then saw April pick up a stone and throw it at my husband. The stone hit him on his back. I saw April pick up another stone to throw at my husband. That is when I saw my husband go up to April. I heard Jermaine tell April to leave him alone and stop throwing stones at him. I then saw April slap my husband to his face. I saw my husband and April start to struggle and they fell on the ground. I saw Paula pick up a cutlass from by the rose garden and start coming at my husband. I started to scream and tell them to stop hitting my husband and to leave him alone. Paula looked in my direction and started to curse me. April continued to attack my husband. I then saw April by my back steps. She was still attacking my husband. I saw him reach out and grab something. I saw him strike out at April. I saw him turn around and come into the house. I saw April walk back to her house. She was cursing loudly. I heard April saying that she had him now and that she would make sure that my husband got locked up and serve time in jail.

My husband then came in the house. I hugged my husband and started to cry on his shoulder. I was so overwhelmed that I didn't know what else to do. I was not able to speak.

At this time my mother-in-law, Pearl Perryman, came into the kitchen. She was crying and saying that April and her mother wanted to kill her son and destroy him. I saw her clutching her chest. She told us that she was not feeling well and needed to be immediately taken to the hospital.

My husband put on a shirt and we got into the jeep. We took her to Doctors Hospital. At the hospital they examined her and admitted her to the ward. She stayed there two days and my husband and I stayed with her.

On her release Ms Pearl insisted that she wanted to go to her house in Rock Crusher, so that is where we took her. My husband and I stayed with her to make sure that she was o.k. I went back and forth between the houses to take clothes and ensure that our house in Highland Park was safe.

On May 24, 2010 Jermaine went out to the pharmacy to get some medication for his mother. After an hour had elapsed I did not see him return home. I tried his cell phone and it just ran and he didn't answer the phone. I tried several of his friends but to no avail. I was really worried.

Later that day a neighbour from around the corner, everyone calls him "Tank dog," came to the house and told me something. As a result of what he told me I went and spoke to Ms Pearl. I then went down to the CPS. I saw Jermaine there. He looked very sad and upset. He told me that they were saying that he tried to kill April Antoine, but that no one wants to listen to him when he is telling them that is April and her mother that try to damage him by pelting rocks at him and his house. That it was April that slapped him first. He said to me that the police officer told him that he was wrong to try to live among decent people that he needed to leave the people alone and go back to living in Rock Crusher where he belong.

I supported Jermaine all the way in this ordeal. He is my husband so I am the one that stood his bail when he was granted bail by the Supreme Court.

Since this whole incident we have gone back to live in Rock Crusher and left the house in Highland Park unoccupied. We have put it up for sale. It is not sold yet.

Signed Ellen Smelley

## STATEMENT OF PEARL PERRYMAN

My name is Pearl Perryman. I am 52 years of age and I live at Peters Street in Rock Crusher. I live there alone. I have a heart condition so sometimes my son Jermaine and his wife Ellen would come and spend some time with me or I would go and spend time with them at their house. Their house is at #15 Highland Park. It is a very nice residential area.

From the time that my son went to live in that area his neighbours in particular one Ms. Paula Antoine started to harass him and his wife. This Ms Paula Antoine had planted a rose garden on my son's land. When he moved in he realized that the rose garden was on his property. He asked Ms Paula to move the rose garden. She refused to do so. She and her daughter April would curse my son Jermaine and tell him hurtful things. They would say that he is a drug lord and he is from the ghetto and that his wife is a whore. I am a praying woman and I always advised Jermaine not to bother with those people.

I was at my son's house on Saturday February 18, 2010. I heard a woman's voice cursing and carrying on. I heard her cursing loudly saying, "You and your whore of a wife better move from around here. You are a drug lord." I knew the voice to be that of Ms Paula Antoine. I looked out of my bedroom window which is downstairs to the back northwest corner of the house. I saw Ms Paula in my son's yard and she was cursing him. She appeared to be drunk. I then saw a young lady who I knew to be her daughter, April, come up to my son and I heard her start to curse him. I saw my Jermaine turn to walk away. Both women picked up stones and started to throw at him. I cannot say whether or not they hit him. But then I saw April grab my son's shirt and slapped him. I saw April and my son struggling and they both fell to the ground.

I left my room and started going to the kitchen area. I could not walk very fast because of my heart problems. By the time I got to the kitchen I saw my son was in the kitchen. He was hugging his wife. His wife was crying and saying why these people don't leave us alone.

I then felt a sharp pain in my chest and felt my chest tighten up. I feared I was having a heart attack. I told my son that I needed to immediately go the hospital. I sat down on a chair in the kitchen. My son and his wife took me to the Doctors Hospital. I was really ill and had to be attended to by doctors and then admitted to the ward. I spent a few days in the hospital. I then went home to my house in Rock Crusher to recuperate. My son and his wife came to stay with me and take care of me.

On May 24, 2010 I was at home in Rock Crusher when I realized that I had run out of certain medication. I had Jermaine go for it for me. After a certain time had passed I realized he didn't come back. I spoke to his wife. Sometime later that day a neighbour everyone calls "Tank dog" came and spoke to Ellen. He told her something. Ellen then came and told me that they had locked up Jermaine for attempted murder. When she told me this I started to cry. I felt like those bad people Ms. Paula Antoine and her daughter April Antoine had finally gotten my child arrested and jailed. It really hurt my heart.

After a little while Ellen left the house and went to the police station. A few days later Jermaine came back home and he told me that he had gotten bail.

Signed – Pearl Perryman