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TOMORROW

Murder victim 'ran for his life'

Alleged 'gay lifestyle' may have been the motive for killing

A YOUNG man may have run for his life before he was brutally gunned down execution-style, it was claimed yesterday.

Aspiring photographer Shavado Simmons, 20, and a friend were chased to an apartment block by an armed robber, say police reports.

The gunman kicked open the front door, forced the terrified pair to lie face down on the floor, and then shot Shavado twice. His friend was unharmed.

Although the motive for Shavado's murder remains a mystery, some believe he may have been killed because of his alleged gay lifestyle.

Yesterday, detectives are attempting to piece together the final moments of the popular young man.

Preliminary reports indicated that Shavado, who was also known as Elmo, may have been robbed by a man who followed him home.

However, police have confirmed they are exploring other avenues.

Since his killing, several concerned people have called

The Tribune, fearing Shavado's death may have been a hate crime, related to his alleged alternative lifestyle.

Erin Greene, of the Rainbow Alliance gays rights group, said: "Whether it was a hate crime or premeditated murder, we just hope the police investigate and do the same good work to either confirm or rule out the possibility of a hate crime."

According to police reports, Shavado and another man were walking home from a convenience store off Charles W Saunders highway, when a man attempted to rob them.

The pair managed to escape the gunman and ran to a nearby apartment complex. However, the man followed them and allegedly kicked in the door to the apartment.

Once inside, the man reportedly ordered Shavado and his friend to lie face down on the floor and robbed them both. Shavado was shot twice,

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HUNDREDS REGISTER FOR JOB READINESS PROGRAMME



READINESS: Registering for the national job and skills training initiative.

By CELESTE NIXON Tribune Staff Reporter cnixon@tribunemedia.net

HUNDREDS turned out for the first day of registration for the Government's Job Readiness programme, according to a Labour Ministry official.

Chief finance officer Joseph Mullings said day one of the application process went smoothly with more than 300 people turning out at CR Walker High School alone to register for the national job and

skills training initiative.

Mr Mullings said they began the registration process 30 minutes early at 9am because of the large line of anxious people ready to get started in the programme.

"People are tired of being unemployed and are ready to start working today, if they could," said Mr Mullings.

The job initiative was first announced by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham during this year's budget debate in Parliament,

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MINISTER: NO APPLICATIONS YET FOR MACKEY YARD SUBDIVISION LOTS

By TANEKA THOMPSON Deputy Chief Reporter tthompson@tribunemedia.net

DESPITE all the furor surrounding the government's plans to turn the Mackey Yard slum into a government subdivision and give eligible squatters preference, no one has yet applied for a lot, Minister of Housing Kenneth Russell said yesterday.

"Not to my knowledge," said Mr Russell, when asked if anyone had applied to purchase land in Mackey Yard.

Government has plans to clean up shanty town communities and will construct a new 250 lot subdivision at the site

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NEW PROVIDENCE HIT BY MORE BEC POWER OUTAGES

By TANEKA THOMPSON Deputy Chief Reporter tthompson@tribunemedia.net

RESIDENTS across several areas of New Providence had their daily routines disrupted due to BEC power failures yesterday.

Some complained their electricity was shut off as they prepared to leave for work yesterday morning, while others said they were without power for hours yesterday afternoon.

A tripped generator was to blame, said BEC spokeswoman Arnette Wilson-Ingraham. This forced the company to load shed because it could not meet customer demand.

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TWO ACCUSED OF BURGLARY, ARMED ROBBERY, RAPE

By LAMECH JOHNSON

TWO men were arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday afternoon to answer to charges of burglary, armed robbery and rape.

Audley Ward, 26, of Price Street, Nassau Village and Dominick Thompson, 24, of Cascarilla Street, Pinewood Gardens, appeared before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court 1, Bank Lane.

Ward and Thompson, whose attorneys were not present at the arraignment, are accused of burglary,

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