



United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

May 9, 2013

John Dinkelman
Chargé d'Affaires
American Embassy
42 Queen Street
Nassau, The Bahamas

Dear Mr. Dinkelman:

We are very concerned over the recent arrests of two older U.S. tourists at Providenciales International Airport in the Turks and Caicos Islands, both on charges of carrying ammunition – a single bullet.

These two Americans are our constituents. One of them is 80-year-old Horace Norrell of Sarasota, Florida, a retired neurosurgeon who was forced to spend three nights in jail, and then pay \$4,000 cash bail to return home. The other is a Texas businesswoman, Cathy Sulledge-Davis, who also had to post \$4,000 cash bail.

We understand appropriate local officials have begun an investigation stemming from these arrests. While we do not seek to interfere in the judicial matter, we ask that you convey to the proper authorities that the investigation needs to be expeditious, thorough, transparent and independent. We also want to know whether any other Americans have been arrested there on similar charges since January.

Your immediate attention to this matter is greatly appreciated, as is keeping our offices fully apprised of any developments as they occur.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Nelson".

Bill Nelson
U.S. Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ted Cruz".

Ted Cruz
U.S. Senator