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FBI Investigating Murder In Cayo

Officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigations are in Cayo to assist officers of the Belize Police Department in their investigation of **Anne Elizabeth McComb Swaney's** murder.

Swaney is a news producer from Rockwell Chicago, Illinois. She had been vacationing in Belize, staying at the Nabitunich Resort near San Jose Succotz Village in the Cayo District, when she was reported missing on Thursday, January 14. Her lifeless body was found in the Mopan River one day later with clear signs of foul play. Officers reported that there were *“injuries to the head and what appears to be bruise marks around the neck”*. A post mortem examination determined that the



Anne Elizabeth McComb Swaney

cause of death was asphyxia due to compression of the neck area,

throttling (*manual strangulation*) and blunt force traumatic injuries to the head and neck region. Swaney was attacked and suffered an extremely violent death.

Investigators have tried to piece together the last hours of Swaney's life. In an interview with Swaney's news station, ABC7, Nabitunich Resort owner, Santiago Juan, recounted the last time he saw Swasey on Thursday, January 14. He said, "*She had*

*breakfast and she had her coffee
and she came to the stables that*

she normally greets the horses in the morning. And she was going to do her stretches, her yoga... Her intentions were to do her stretches, do her yoga, maybe get a ride in and buy some gifts in San Ignacio, the local town... because she was already halfway through her holiday and she wanted to bring gifts back to her loved ones."

In search of a serene environment to practice yoga, Swaney walked down a path to a wooden platform near the Mopan River that is about half a mile away from the resort. This is where police believe she was attacked and later thrown into the river. Her body was found in the water the next day, about 300 yards downriver.

The Belize Police Department have

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Franks Eddy Businessman Accused Of Ordering Hit

**BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday,
January 14, 2016:**

The owner of Dark Night Cave Tubing, American businessman **Bradley Paumen** is out on bail of \$50,000 plus one surety of the same amount after he was arraigned in the Supreme Court for allegedly ordering a hit on four individuals. Paumen was charged in the San Ignacio Magistrates Court with the offense of abetment to murder against four men, including American-Iranian **Faroud Michael Modiri** over a land dispute.

Paumen, resident of Franks Eddie Village, Cayo, was represented by Senior Counsel **Ellis Arnold** when he appeared before Justice **Antoinette Moore** on Thursday, January 14, for a bail hearing. Paumen is facing charges of abetment to commit



Bradley Paumen

murder and the Director of Public Prosecutions raised strong objections to bail. **Cheryl-Lynn Vidal** argued

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passionately that Paumen should be remanded because he is a flight risk. Vidal also informed Justice Moore that Paumen is expected to be levied with additional charges in connection to the same matter. Arnold said the question as it relates to bail is whether or not the defendant will appear in court on dates set by the court. He argued that bail is a right and that a person is presumed innocent until

proven otherwise and that his client is a nationalized Belizean with financial ties to the country.

Before ruling on bail, Justice Moore asked Bradley how many businesses he owns in Belize and what kind of investment he has in each of them. She also asked about other financial ties, his marital status and previous run ins with the law. Bradley told the court that he owns two businesses in Belize, Dark Night Cave

Tubing and a resort in Hopkins, representing an eight million dollars investment and he has been in a relationship with a Belizean woman for three years.

After considering submissions made by both sides, Justice Moore granted bail in the sum of \$50,000 plus one

surety of the same amount. Bradley had to first surrender his travel documents before posting bail. Justice Moore ordered that the court notify the US Embassy that his passport has been confiscated. She also ordered that he attends all his court dates in the Belmopan Magistrate's Court and report to the Belmopan Police Station every Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. until the case is over. Bradley must not interfere with any of the prosecution's witnesses in any way.

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assigned a team of the country's top investigators for this incident. The FBI

will assist Belizean authorities and are likely to provide forensic support.

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The murder of American news producer **Anne Elizabeth McComb Swaney**, a recent string of violent crimes and the threat of Guatemalan criminal elements in the area has placed an international blackeye on Belize, especially the Cayo District. Though the major markets have not issued a warning to nationals on travel to Belize, cautions are popping up. Despite this recent phenomenon, another major international media outlet has recognized Belize as one of the top destinations in the world to live or retire. Ironically, the part of Belize recognized as the second best place to live or retire in the world is the Cayo District. In an article written on January 14 and published on January 18, 2016 entitled *“The World’s 12 Best Places to Live or Retire in 2016”*, the Cayo District sits at number 2.

The article written by Kathleen Peddicord reads: *“Belize is one of the quirkiest countries in the world. Geographically, Belize is in Central America, yet its strongest ties are to the English-speaking Caribbean. Belize is Caribbean, Central American... and, thanks*



to its history as a former colony, British. Belize City’s roadways are built around a system of roundabouts, but shops alongside them sell rice, beans and tortillas still ground by hand. Everyone you meet speaks English (it’s the country’s official

language), but this belies the stories of their origins. The 350,000 people populating Belize today are descendants of migrants from Britain, yes, but also, more so, the surrounding Central American countries. You’ve got Mexicans, Guatemalans, Hondurans and Nicaraguans mixed with current-day generations of the Maya who originally inhabited this land, the pirates who came later, the Mennonite farmers who began arriving on the scene in the 16th century, the British who ruled until 1981, and each other.

Belize is a nation of independent thinkers and doers, a country where you make your own way and where, while you’re doing it, no one, including the Belize government, is making any

attempt to thwart your efforts. This is a poor country. The government doesn’t have enough money to get up to any real trouble. Arriving in Belize, especially in its interior Cayo District, it doesn’t take long for any other reality you’ve brought with you to fade. In this frontier land of rivers and rain forest, your mind and your body are occupied with challenge and discovery from sunup until you fall exhausted into your bed each evening. Belize is a sunny country that’s easily accessible from the United States and where the folks all speak English. It’s also one of the easiest places in the world to establish foreign residency, as well as a banking and a tax haven. You could live and run a business here tax-free.”

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultancy: Development of an Advanced Archaeology Tour Guide Training Manual for Belize

BACKGROUND

The National Sustainable Tourism Master Plan implemented October 2012 was designed to be the blue print for the sustainable development of Belize’s Tourism Industry to 2030. The Sustainability and Quality Assurance Macro Program in the NSTMP is comprised of programs directed at raising the quality standards of the tourism service offering in order to reach international market demand standards and assure sustainable development of tourism economic resources.

The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) is currently in the process of redesigning and updating its current Tour Guide Training Program. Advances in Belize’s tourism sector has necessitated the development of areas of specializations such as Archaeology. These advances also require the introduction of continual training programs in this areas to ensure tour guides are well versed in the area of specialization. In this context, the Belize Tourism Board is seeking to contract the services of a Consultant to draft and publish, in conjunction with the BTB, an Advance Archaeology Tour Guide Manual to be used as the primary training text forspecialized training for tour guides.

OBJECTIVE

The development of an Advance Archaeology Tour Guide Training Manual which should encompass all archaeological sites within the country, relevant and current data, and any necessary information for an Advance Archaeology tour guide to possess.

QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

The prospective Consultant should possessthe following minimum qualifications –

- At minimum ten years’ experience in the field of Archaeology.
- A Master’s Degree in any of the following areas –
 - Anthropology,
 - Archaeology,
 - Cultural anthropology,
 - Biological anthropology
 - Sustainable Tourism Practices,
 - Teaching.
- Has been published at least once.
- Intimate knowledge of relevant regional archaeological sites.
- Participated in training in archaeological field and laboratory techniques.
- A general understanding of the social, cultural and economic environment of Belize.

The detailed Terms of Reference can be requested from:

Mrs. Shola Babb
Belize Tourism Board
Corner Regent and South Street
P.O. Box 325
Belize City, Belize

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday February 19th, 2016 by 12:00 noon.
Please direct all queries to Mrs. Shola Babb at training@travelbelize.org

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultancy: Revision and Development of an Advanced Marine Tour Guide Training Manual for Belize

BACKGROUND

The National Sustainable Tourism Master Plan implemented October 2012 was designed to be the blue print for the sustainable development of Belize’s Tourism Industry to 2030. The Sustainability and Quality Assurance Macro Program in the NSTMP is comprised of programs directed at raising the quality standards of the tourism service offering in order to reach international market demand standards and assure sustainable development of tourism economic resources.

The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) is currently in the process of redesigning and updating its current Tour Guide Training Program. Advances in Belize’s tourism sector has necessitated the development of areas of specializations such as Marine. These advances also require the introduction of continual training programs in this areas to ensure tour guides are well versed in the area of specialization. In this context, the Belize Tourism Board is seeking to contract the services of a Consultant to draft and publish, in conjunction with the BTB, an Advance Marine Tour Guide Manual to be used as the primary training text for specialized training for tour guides.

OBJECTIVE

The assessment of the existing Advance marine tour guide training manual identifying the gaps and needs of the current manual against regional and international manuals, and the further development of the manual to ensure that it encompasses all relevant and current data, necessary for an advance marine guide.

QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

The prospective Consultant should possess the following minimum qualifications –

- At minimum ten years marine related experience.
- A Master’s degree in any of the following areas –
 - Biology,
 - Chemistry,
 - Ecology,
 - Tourism Development,
 - Sustainable Tourism Practices,
 - Teaching.
- Has been published at least once.
- Intimate knowledge and understanding of relevant regional and international marine activities, policies and legislations.
- A general understanding of the social, cultural and economic environment of Belize.

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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

There are various irritants at your place of daily work. The environment may be cluttered by things requiring repair. Maybe even the street needs to be fixed. For some reason it is hard for you to get organized and stay on target with these irritating conditions. You are not in control, but it is not your fault. **Lucky numbers: 02, 15, 43.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

Necessary expenses (those not of the "fun" type) may develop this week. If not that, you could be just having a little blue mood. It is one of those times when we operate better in solitude. This is an existential dilemma that everyone encounters now and then. It will pass quickly. **Lucky numbers: 21, 34, 65.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Take everything slowly and easily

throughout this week. Aspects warn against attempts to move aggressively in any direction. Concentrate carefully on any project requiring calculations and multiple plans. The probability of making an error or accessing inaccurate information is high. **Lucky numbers: 06, 11, 99.**

CANCER

June 21 to July 21

The sun returns "home" to your sign this week, as it always does on the solstice. You likely will find it to be energizing. Now is the time to focus on new plans for this next year of your life. You are in a reasonably good place with yourself at this time. Your heart and mind are flowing together. **Lucky numbers: 09, 27, 95.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

A new initiative or idea that began in late Oct. of 2014 has come to a point in which you can move no further without making adjustments. You may be required to wait on another factor before proceeding. This is not a fault

of anyone. You just need to wait for the timing to catch up with you. **Lucky numbers: 20, 45, 62.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Your mind may be sharp as a pointed pencil in your work and daily routine. However, communications with significant others may be misunderstood, snarled, or lost altogether. Do not make assumptions about what others are saying. Ask questions and clarify for best results. **Lucky numbers: 28, 37, 78.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

You may be taking a sober look at one or more relationships. Even the very closest friends cannot know each other from the inside. Sometimes we forget this fact and need to become aware that we are actually separate beings, helping when we can. Sometimes our energy is too low to be there for one another. **Lucky numbers: 01, 73, 82.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

There are fears lurking in the back of your mind that may cause you to feel discouraged and prone to quit. Make an effort to shine a bright light upon them. Are they real or imagined? Is there any way to bring them out of the darkness so you can engage them? **Lucky numbers: 12, 67, 76.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

Cosmic energies favor new design of old or outmoded business or organizational systems. Financial or business pressures may be the motivator. It is time to update and modernize, especially if you are working with a method out of old habit. Constructive and fresh ideas will flow freely and you may wonder why a particular solution hasn't occurred to you before now. **Lucky numbers: 04, 37, 55.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

Your life is not your own this week. Multiple demands call for a variety of tools and skills and use all your time. Moving forward with your own agenda is a real challenge. It will be easier if you just accept this time is not your best and wait for better weeks ahead. They will come. **Lucky numbers: 16, 48, 92.**

AQUARIUS:

January 20 to February 18

For any number of reasons, circumstances may leave you out of the social loop this week. Astrologically this is a time for self-reflection and not self-condemnation. Having a quiet week is appropriate at this time. Don't turn this into a negative belief about yourself. **Lucky numbers: 55, 79, 91.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

A misunderstanding could develop between you and a close friend or family member. The blame game is useless. Do your best to unwind the thread to the point that it began and start fresh. It is possible that you will have a minor case of laryngitis. Pipes, whether in your body or your house may need to be cleared. **Lucky numbers: 03, 17, 26.**

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Public Utilities Commission

Public Notice



The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby notifies the public that, pursuant to Section 33(2) of the ELECTRICITY (TARIFFS, FEES AND CHARGES) BYELAWS, on January 8, 2016, it made the **Belize Electricity Limited 2015 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision Amendment**.

BEL made a submission for amendments to 2015 ARP Final Decision on December 10, 2015, for an increase in the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) from 35.00¢ to 38.85¢ per kilo-watthour and associated increases to previously approved tariffs to recover reduced annual Tariff Basket Revenue associated with Capacity Charges for BEL’s Gas Turbine for Annual Tariff Periods ranging from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2016.

The **Belize Electricity Limited 2015 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision Amendment** provides for no adjustments to the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) and previously approved tariffs to be applied during the period January 1 to June 30, 2016, which remain as follows:

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL)
Approved Tariffs for the Period of July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016

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Commercial 1	0 - 50 KWhrs 51 - 200 KWhrs > 200 KWhrs Minimum Charge	0.28 0.34 0.38 5.00
Commercial 2	Service Charge 0-10,000 KWhrs 10,001-20,000 KWhrs > 20,000 KWhrs	100.00 0.36 0.35 0.34
Industrial 1	Service Charge Demand (KVA) Energy	100.00 31.00 0.27
Industrial 2	Service Charge Demand (KVA) Energy	100.00 20.00 0.23
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Liquor License Notices

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ALEXIA MALO & LUIGI LUGARINI** is applying for a **HOTEL** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Casa Sofia Inn & Restaurant** located at Mile 59, Unitedville Village, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **JUAN & CESAR RAMIREZ** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Guanacaste Restaurant** located in Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **SERGIO CHUC** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **The Spot Bar** located on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **KARINA FARIAS** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **BOCA'S** located at #4 - 11th Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **GOMER ENRIQUEZ** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Paradise Auto Spa** located on George Price Blvd., Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **RONALD CASTAGNERA** is applying for a **RESTAURANT & BAR** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Macaw Bank Jungle Lodge** located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ALBA MORALES** is applying for a **MALT & CIDER** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Coconuts Bar** located in Los Tambos Village, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ROSALIA DOMINGO** is applying for a **MALT & CIDER** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **El Rinconcito** located in Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ALLAN & COLLEEN SPRING** is applying for a **RESTAURANT & BAR** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Table Rock Jungle Lodge** located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **YOLANDA CRUZ ZETINA** is applying for a **MALT & CIDER** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Lime's Cool Spot** located on Philip Goldson Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ELVIS ORELLANO** is applying for a **MALT & CIDER** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Eve's Cool Spot** located in Esperanza Village, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ELEJIO COH** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Table Rock** located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **MICK FLEMMING** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Guava Limb Cafe** located at 77 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District



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Progress At New Santa Elena Sports Complex

SANTA ELENA, Cayo, Thursday, January 21, 2016:

The Area Representative of Cayo Central, **Hon. Rene Montero**, recently went to inspect the construction site of the new Santa Elena Sports Complex and found that work is well under way and residents of the developing town will soon have their first class sporting facility that was promised by the United Democratic Party in 2013. The project is being overseen by the Belize Infrastructure Limited (**BIL**), a public sector agency of the Government of Belize (**GOB**). BIL oversees every stage of Government's sporting and multipurpose facilities projects; including the assignment of design, construction and management contracts.

The Investment project was initiated on January 21, 2014 with contract signature for consulting services and architectural designs for infrastructure at the Santa Elena Football Complex and Facilities. BIL, along with technical support from the Ministry of Works has worked closely with the town council on the development of the project. The project first required a feasibility study, inclusive of public and one-on-one consultations with the community and relevant stakeholders. It also included socio/environmental studies as related to any environmental management, approved design plans, bidding documents inclusive of all cost estimates, and operational recommendations for the facilities. The first contract was awarded to a San Ignacio based firm, **DIEMA** Consulting Architects & Engineers headed by lead architect **Mr. Juan Polanco**. This was for consulting and design. Construction started a few months later.

The facilities will be used



Hon. Rene Montero

for recreational and organized competition. According to Montero, the Santa Elena Football Complex and Facilities will include a basketball court, training football field, a **FIFA** standard playing field and a mile long running track. It has an estimated cost of \$2.25 million. It will be the home of Cayo Central's very own Premiere League team which Hon. Montero says will be launched this year.

The **Victor August Football Field** is one of many facilities that have been upgraded by the Belize Infrastructure Limited since 2013. The project for **Falcon Field** in San Ignacio Town includes a roofed, outdoor court facility with restrooms and a refurbished stage. The facility also features a playground, sidewalks and a bus stop at an estimated cost of \$850,000. Also in San Ignacio, the **Victor Galvez Recreation Field** is being upgraded to international standards at a cost of more than \$1.3 million.



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STAR HUMOR

Hello

One day, a Jamaican gentleman walked into his job of many years with both his ears bandaged up.

Yes, his ears!

Curious, the co workers asked "Hey mon, whap'n to yuh ears dem?"

The man gives his co-workers a dirty look and explained... "While mi a iron mi pants fi work, de phone

ring and instead of picking up de phone fi answer, mi pick up de hian (iron) instead!"

His co workers, baffled and at the same time, trying to keep a straight face then asked, "Ok. So a whah happen to di other ear?"

He shook his head, hiss him teet and said "Man, dem call back!"

Wait Your Turn

A blonde suspects her boyfriend of cheating on her, so she goes out and buys a gun. She goes to his apartment unexpectedly, and when she opens the door she finds him in the arms of a redhead.

Well, the blonde is really angry. She opens her purse to take out the

gun, and as she does so, she is overcome with grief. She takes the gun and puts it to her head.

The boyfriend yells, "No, honey, don't do it!!!"

The blonde replies, "Shut up, you're next!"

Lost Cat

A man hated his wife's cat and he decided to get rid of it. He drove 20 blocks away from home and dropped the cat there. The cat was already walking up the driveway when he approached his home.

The next day, he decided to drop the cat 40 blocks away but the same thing happened.

He kept on increasing the number of blocks but the cat kept on coming home before him. At last he decided to drive a few miles away, turn right,

then left, past the bridge, then right again and another right and so on until he reached what he thought was a perfect spot and dropped the cat there.

Hours later, the man calls his wife at home and asked her, "Lynn is the cat there?" "Yes, why do you ask?" answered the wife. Frustrated the man said,

"Put that cat on the phone, I am lost and I need directions."

Belmopan Murder Suspect Implicated in Armenia Carjack

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday, January 21, 2016:

Twenty-five-year-old **Lincoln Bejerano**, the man believed to be involved in the murder of two Belmopan taxi drivers have been charged for another serious crime in the Cayo Area.

Manager of Puma Energy Limited, **Melonie Popper Coc**, 38, of Ladyville Village reported to police that the company's grey 2007 Isuzu D-Max four door pickup truck was taken away from her on Saturday, January 2, in the Village of Armenia. At about 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 2, Coc was travelling along with her mother and four children on the Hummingbird Highway from Belmopan to Pomona Village and upon reaching the second bump in Armenia Village she pulled over to the side of the highway to make a phone call. She exited the truck and while on her cellphone she was approached by a slim built Hispanic male. The man had a low haircut and moustache; he was wearing a camouflage jacket over a plain white T- shirt and a dark three-quarters cargo pants. After approaching Coc, he ordered her to hand over the cellphone. At that time he opened his camouflage jacket and pulled out a pistol. Fearing for her life, Coc handed over the phone. He then grabbed her by the arm and walked her to the vehicle where he placed her in the back seat. He then took the children and her mother out of the vehicle. A second man got into the driver's seat of the vehicle and they then ordered Coc to get out of the car. The men drove off in the direction of Belmopan.

The car jackers left the entire family on the highway. Coc's purse containing \$1,400 cash, a white Blackberry cellphone registered to Puma Energy valued at \$1,200, two Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 valued at \$525 each, a Blu cellphone valued at \$700, clothing, shoes and other personal belongs valued at \$500 and



Lincoln Bejerano

an assortment of identification cards were also taken. The truck has a value of \$12,000.

Bejerano was positively identified as one of the robbers that hijacked Coc's vehicle. On Monday, January 18, he was taken to the Belmopan Magistrates Court where he was charged for robbery and sent back to prison. Police believe Bejerano is the main suspect in the murders of Belmopan taximen **Isidro Suar**, 28, and **Yoni Maas**, 24. Shortly after Suar was killed on Friday, January 8, police coordinated vehicular checkpoints throughout the length of the George Price Highway and caught Bejerano and two others in his vehicle. One man managed to escape but Bejerano and a 17-year-old female minor were caught with a .22 pistol and arrested by police.

Lincoln Bejerano is known to many of the taxi men from the bus terminal. Suar's wife said she is not surprised that the name came up because her husband used to always mention threats coming from that name. She says Lincoln wanted him to do jobs for him like take him on robberies and other criminal activities.

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NEBL Season Tips Off With Three Games

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Sunday, January 17, 2016

Leslie brothers dominate in win versus Belmopan Bandits; Jacob sinks 8 three pointers.

The NEBL 2016 season tipped off this weekend, with three games on Saturday night. Opening ceremonies took place at the UB gymnasium, followed by the home team, Belmopan Bandits hosting Smart Belize Hurricanes. Bandits jumped out to an early 15-0 lead, but by intermission, the visiting team was up 37-30. The home team was able to take the lead 58-57, going into the fourth quarter, and with the game tied at 71, **Darwin “Puppy” Leslie** sank two free throws to give the visitors the victory. Smart Belize Hurricanes was led by rookie **Jacob Leslie** who sank 8 three pointers, while shooting 8 for 16 from behind the arc, finishing with a game high 29 points to go along with 4 steals in an impressive debut. **Farron Louriano** finished with 12 points and 8 rebounds, **Darwin “Puppy” Leslie** tallied 12 points and 4 assists and **Brian White** had 12 points and 8 rebounds. Belmopan Bandits was led by **Jarrel Velasquez** with 24 points and 5 rebounds, while **Kyle Pascascio** and **Geovanni Lennan** scored 11 points each and **Kurt “Chengo” Burgess** finished



Leslie Brothers

with a double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds. Smart Hurricanes out-rebounded Belmopan Bandits 50-43. Bench points were hard to come by for both teams, tallying a total of 14 points combined.

Cayo Western Ballaz silenced the Thunderbolts with huge blowout victory.

Out west, Cayo Western Ballaz trampled the new franchise, Independence Thunderbolts, 105-52, at the Sacred Heart College Auditorium on Saturday night.



Winston Pratt

Milton James led the way with a double-double, sinking 16 points and pulling 15 caroms to go with 4 assists, while **Winston Pratt** also tallied a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds. **Elvis Usher** finished the night with 16 points and 4 assists, while **Emerson King** netted 14 points and **Brandon Flowers** recorded a double-double with 11 points and 12 boards. The visiting team, Independence Thunderbolts’ top scorer was **Hyrar Augustine** with 16 points, 3 assists and 3 rebounds, while **Alroy Foreman** finished the night with 13 points. Cayo Western Ballaz benched outscored Independence, 46-14, and the home team led the entire game.

Greg “Chippy” Rudon and Belize City No Limit edges Griga Warriors

Dangriga Warriors traveled to the old capital to take on Belize City No Limit at Bird’s Isle on Saturday night. Belize City No Limit was able to defend their home court with an 80-73 victory. **Greg “Chippy” Rudon** had the game high 19 points, to go

with 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals in the win. **Lennox Bowman** chipped in 11 points and Marcel Orosco tallied 10 points and 4 rebounds. Rookie sensation **Quinton Bowen** was the top scorer for Dangriga Warriors with 17 points, 8 rebounds and 3 steals while **Macario Augustine** finished with a double-double with 12 points and 14 boards. **Daniel “Buddy” Nolberto** tallied 12 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals while **Edgar Mitchell** finished the night with 12 points, 5 assists and 3 steals. Dangriga outscored Belize City No Limit 46-32 in the paint, while they were even on bench points at 28 and even on second chance points at 14. Dangriga led most of the game, but the home team finished strong in the fourth quarter.

Upcoming Games

On Friday night, San Pedro Tiger Sharks will travel to Sugar City to take on Orange Walk Running Rebels at the Orange Walk Multi-Purpose Complex at 9 p.m., which is a back match that was scheduled for last Friday night. The defending champs will dust off all their rust on a quest for a three-peat, while Orange Walk Running Rebels will see how they can fill the scoring void that remains with the departure of **Randy Usher**. Also on Friday night, Cayo Western Ballaz will play their first road game at Belize Elementary School Gym at 9 p.m., as they take on Smart Belize Hurricanes. **Winston Pratt** will now go into his old venue to try and come out with a win for his new team, Ballaz, as both teams try to remain undefeated. On Saturday night, Belmopan Bandits will travel to the island to take on San Pedro Tiger Sharks at the San Pedro High School at 9 p.m. Belmopan Bandits is ready to post their first victory of the season, while San Pedro Tiger Sharks is shooting to keep their unbeaten home streak alive. San Pedro Tiger Sharks enters season three without a lost on their home court, making it extremely

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challenging for any team to return from the island with a big W. Also on Saturday night, Orange Walk Running Rebels will travel down south to take

on Dangriga Warriors at the Ecumenical College in Dangriga at 8 p.m., as both teams will be fighting for their first win of the season. In the last game of the weekend,

Independence Thunderbolts will host Belize City No Limit at Independence High School at 8 p.m. Belize City No Limit will have the services of Michael Bables, who was leading the

league in scoring last season. All games can be followed live on our website at nebl.sportingpulse.net, with real time box scores while the game is being played. The website also has all game scores, box scores, players and teams' statistics, along with standings for the season.

NEBL Schedule Changes For This Weekend

BY: Karim Juan, Commissioner SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, January 20, 2016

The game scheduled to take place in Orange Walk on Friday night has been postponed to a later date. The game scheduled for Saturday night between the San Pedro Tiger Sharks

and Belmopan Bandits, in San Pedro, has been moved to Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at the San Pedro High School. Channel 7 has also partnered with Smart Belize Hurricanes to show live coverage of all their home games in Belize City. Hence, the game scheduled for this Friday at the Belize

Elementary School Gym between Smart Belize Hurricanes and Cayo Western Ballaz will be aired live on Channel 7. The NEBL would like to thank both Channel 5 and Channel 7 for the great partnership they have created with the league and its teams. All games can be followed live on

our website at nebl.sportingpulse.net, with real time box scores while the game is being played. The website also has all game scores, box scores, players and teams' statistics, along with standings for the season. You can follow all games in real time, via your mobile devices.

Roaring Creek To Host Central American Athletics Championships

The Belize Athletics Association will be hosting the 10th Central American Cross Country Championship in Athletics. The championship is being sponsored by the Central American Track and Field Organisation (CADICA).

The championship is scheduled for Saturday 20th February, 2016, at the Roaring River Golf Course in Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District. It is anticipated that the championship will bring together some 125 cross country athletes and officials from all seven Central American countries.

The Belize Athletics Association will be holding a national competition on Saturday 30th January 2016 to select the athletes that will represent the country. The Competition will be held at the Roaring River Golf Course in Roaring Creek Village.



Belize Delegation

Interested persons can contact the Belize Athletics Association as early as possible to register. For further information contact the BAA on their face book page or email belizeathleticsassociation@gmail.com. The Belize delegation captured 13 medals at the 26th Central American Championships in Athletics held in Managua, Nicaragua in June of 2015. Belize claimed three gold medals, four silver medals and six bronze medals. Taking gold were **Katy Sealy** in the Women's Heptathlon with 4614 points, **Brandon Jones** in the Men's Triple Jump with 15.31 minutes, and the team of **James Bregal, Brandon Jones, Linsford Avila** and **Mark Anderson** in the Men's 4x100m Relay with 42.06 seconds. Hopefully Team Belize can perform even better at home.

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