The Victim -
Michael Allan Hill, 59

BOYS FACING DOUBLE MURDER CHARGES

The Accused - Jodean “Dean” Vidal, 15

The Accused - Michael Lamb, 17

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, July 11, 2008:
The community was still grappling with news of the July 3 double murder of the Xis father and son on the Calla Creek Road in the Cayo District when, three days later, on Sunday, July 6, reports began emerging of yet another double murder. This time of a husband and wife residing on the outskirts of Cristo Rey Village in the Cayo District.

Acting upon information received at around 9:45 a.m., on Sunday, July 6, 2008, San Ignacio police visited a residence located between the western villages of Cristo Rey and San Antonio. Upon arrival they entered the two story residence of Michael and Donna Hill. The place was found in a ransacked condition. Police came upon a blood stained towel as well as what appeared to be blood stains on the floor, on a sofa and on a roll of wide transparent adhesive tape.

The report of the missing couple and the condition of their residence resulted in the coming together of a number of friends, acquaintances and business associates including Julian Sherrard who has developed a reputation within the community of aggressively pursuing reports of this nature. Julian is remembered for the tremendous effort he expended into
The victims’ two Toyota Hilux at the San Ignacio Police compound their arrest on Tuesday morning and this was when the cookie began to crumble.

The investigation resulted in the discovery of the vehicle and most of the stolen items including the shotgun, a GPS and a bottle of wine. They were subsequently arrested and formally charged for two counts of murder.

This incident has produced numerous far reaching negative effects on the community and the nation as a whole. First of all it has since been broadcasted worldwide on the internet thereby attracting negative publicity for the country.

It has robbed the community of two productive, generous and caring citizens.

Since the payroll was stolen and their employees murdered, workers on the Dragon Heights project have been deprived of a full week’s pay. They have likewise been deprived of continued employment as one employee told us that although they were nearing completion of the first house, “Mr. Mike told us that we would start another house and so I know that I would have had a job with Mr. Mike at least up to Christmas”, he said “Although this job was slowing down,...."
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**Getting To Know Us - The San Ignacio Community Hospital**

**BY: Dra. Maria Goncalves**  
Ag. Deputy Regional Health Manager, San Ignacio Hospital  
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT, Wednesday, July 9, 2008

At the San Ignacio Community Hospital we are glad to have the opportunity to disseminate this information to the public. Occasionally we receive criticism from the STAR Newspaper, but we are glad because this is a part of our growing process.

At the San Ignacio Community Hospital we offer Pediatric Clinic, Gynecologist Clinic, Surgery Specialist, Dental Clinic, Physiotherapy Clinic, Psychiatric Clinic, Laboratory, Pharmaceutical and 24 hour Emergency Service. Our patient clinic starts at 7:00 a.m. Mondays to Fridays.

As part of our chronic disease control we have: Hypertensive and Diabetic Clinic also a Neonatal Clinic which is attended by a Pediatrician. We also offer Maternal and Child Health Care which is attended exclusively by the Gynecologist. We also offer Palliative Care (Home Care) visits of elderly patients with terminal cancer done by Nurse Sharric Ciego.

A new Health Information System (HIS) has also been implemented. With this system in place, we are able to retrieve and update patient’s files countrywide; Ms. Claudia Manzanero is responsible for the HIS.

In our pursuit for excellence in Health Care, our hospital is trying to recruit more specialists. Our Doctors, Nurses and Staff are well committed and their obligation is to provide excellent service to our community.

Our ambulance service is available 24 hours each day and 7 per week for all patients whose condition requires transfer for X-Rays etc. or further evaluation or treatment to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan City or the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City.

At present we are trying to implement a helicopter transfer system to transport patients to and from the new hospital site, in cases of extreme emergency.

At the San Ignacio Community Hospital, “Your Health Is Our Responsibility”.

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**VACANCY**  
Accountant/ Director of Finance

Sacred Heart College, San Ignacio invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the full time position of Accountant/Director of Finance of Sacred Heart College. The position will be effective 1st September 2008.

The Finance Director will be expected to:

- Assist in budget preparation, monitoring and control  
- Assist in preparation of financial reports  
- Assist in analysis of monthly financial statements  
- Supervise the college’s Accounting Department staff  
- Supervise payroll processes and related activities within the college system.

The Director of Finance will be a person who:

- is self-reliant, creative, innovative, proactive, decisive, and enthusiastic;  
- has excellent interpersonal and communications skills;  
- holds high personal and professional standards;  
- has in-depth knowledge of word processing, Internet, databases and spreadsheet and accounting software applications;  
- has the ability to provide leadership, and  
- has the ability to work as a team member and be effective in relationships with others at all levels within the organization.

Education and Experience: Preference will be given to applicants who possess a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting (or related field) from an accredited institution, at least four years experience in a financial environment, and a working knowledge of Quickbooks Pro or SBT accounting system.

Remuneration: In accordance with pay scales approved by the Ministry of Education.

Application Deadline: July 25, 2008

Send or deliver completed application letter and resume to:

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The Final Days In The Life Of Jim Cavanaugh
As Documented By His Friends
Ivan Roberts & Francis Gegg

JIM’S HEART ATTACK
By: Ivan Roberts
On the plane on his way back to Belize (on Wednesday, July 2), our Managing Director, Mr. James Cavanaugh, suffered a massive heart attack.

Upon landing in Belize he was rushed straight to Belize Medical Associates. The doctors say that the next 24 hours are critical. He is ALIVE but sedated.

JIM’S RECOVERY
By: Francis Gegg
There is very good news to report. I just left the hospital a few minutes ago, and Jim has made a remarkable recovery.

All his vital signs have greatly improved. His heart rate is down from 150 to 94, his systolic blood pressure is down from 140 to 94, his diastolic is hovering at around 93.

As a result, Thursday, he has been totally sedated/unconscious. The doctor on duty assured me that this was the best thing for a heart attack patient, as it allows the body and in particular the heart to rest.

In particular, he is not being exposed to any associated anxiety or stress or excitement which are not desirable.

Thursday when I spoke with him, he was wanting a complete update on everything that was happening with him. Everything that was happening with the Landowner’s Association.

In looking at his vital signs it would appear that he is making significant recovery.

His heart rate has slowed down from a high of 135 beats per minute which is where it was immediately after the incident, down to 94bpm on Friday, and last night at 10 PM it had further slowed to approximately 80bpm (which is the normal resting heartbeat rate).

At the same time the blood pressure has also been normalizing at 125/50. While he is still under heavy sedation and also blood pressure medication (which reduces the BP), these changes are very encouraging, and indicate that the heart is being healed.

This does not mean that he is out of the woods yet, as there is always a possibility of a second or third attack. In actual fact what modern medicine calls a heart attack is simply the dislodging of arterial plaque which lines the vascular wall, and migrates to clog one or more of the arteries which feed the heart, thereby starving the heart muscle of oxygenated blood and food.

This is why his inactivity is so important at this time, so that no undue pressures are put on his vascular system, which might cause a further re-occurrence or release of a fragment of plaque.

For those of you who may be interested, I do naturopathic and medicine which is inducing the strengthening of the vascular system, which might cause a further re-occurrence or release of a fragment of plaque.

If any of you are interested in starting a naturopathic diet which will effectively cleanse and strengthen your vascular system let me know and I will send you the minimal procedure and or diet.

The doctor advises that the other danger which he will face is called tachycardia, or severe irregular heart beat. He says that frequently the heart attack doesn’t kill you, but the tachycardia can.

If this condition remains stable, they intend to start gradually cutting the medicine which is inducing the sedation, and expect to bring him back to consciousness by Monday morning.

That’s all for now. For those of you who believe in prayer, every bit counts. Let us all pray for his complete recovery.

SLIDING BACKWARDS
By: Francis Gegg
This has become a real emotional roller coaster ride. Last night encouraging news, but today we are going backwards.

After talking with Dr. Gough just now, this is what pertains to Jim’s condition. The doctor did mention that his white blood cell count was very high, indicative of his body fighting off and infection. He believes that the OsteoMilitis could very well have been the contributory factor which placed severe stress on his body, and triggered the heart attack.

Because the vital signs were all encouraging after last night, they had decided to start to reduce the medication which was assisting blood pressure and the diuretics which were assisting urine flow.

Oxygen saturation was also appearing to be normal, and so they also started to withdraw the assistance to the body of the aspirator (the thing which fills the thoracic). When these were reduced, oxygen saturation levels started to decline, urine production started to decline, as did blood pressure indications.

Consequently, they have decided that Jim will need to be in the ICU unit for a minimum of 5 more days. That’s $8,800 per day, or $44,000 dollars just for those 5 days.

This again is outside the $80 per day after, for the normal hospital room services. Eva has already paid $29,000 which I believe covered him through yesterday.

She does not know what to do, as his checking account is on the verge of being depleted. Allen Reiner had indicated that maybe the Mennonite community may be able to help with the expenses. In which case that is something which at this time would be considered of great help.

I wish the news was more encouraging, but such are the circumstances when severe damage occurs with the heart.

Keep Jim ever in your prayers.

BAD NEWS
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Today the news is the worst of any that we or expected.

After consultation with his doctors, decisions have been made to take Jim off life support.

This will be a gradual process, but the doctors don’t expect him to live past 2 days once this has been done.

It’s death could happen any time within that period as the medicines and aspirator are slowly withdrawn from him.

Eva has spoken with his son in the US, and once the final instruction is received from his son, this process will start.

They do not expect him to return to consciousness at all during this process; however, I will be monitoring him regularly in the hope that he does.

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Traffic Accident Claims Life Of Research Officer

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Saturday, July 5, 2008:

An early morning traffic accident on the Western Highway between the towns of San Ignacio and Benque Viejo has claimed the life of a 22 year old male resident of Benque Viejo Town.

It was shortly after 2:15 on the evening of Saturday, July 5, when San Ignacio police arrived on the scene of a traffic accident between miles 69 and 70 on the Western Highway where they came upon a brown Toyota 4 Runner with its front portion extensively damaged and a mangled yellow 600 cc Kawasaki motorcycle.

Investigations revealed that the Toyota 4 Runner, with license plates CY-C-26318, driven by its owner, Police Constable #267 Michael Cob attached to the San Ignacio Police Formation, was traveling towards San Ignacio Town when it collided with the motorcycle traveling in the opposite direction.

The motorcycle was driven by its owner, Carlos Casanova, of Benque Viejo Town. It was found on the left side of the highway, outside of its right side lane, and the motorcycle was found on the other side of the highway. As a result of the obviously massive collision, the motorcyclist, Carlos Casanova, of a Pedro Guerra Mena Street Address in Benque Viejo Town, was found about 200 yards from the point of impact and is presumed to have died on the spot.

The body was transported to the San Ignacio Town Hospital where it was officially pronounced dead while the driver of the 4 Runner emerged without a scratch.

It is reported that PC Cob, a resident of San Ignacio Town, was returning from across the Guatemalan border where he was allegedly socializing with friends while Carlos Casanova, according to his girlfriend, Johanna Gentle, had just left her parents’ house in Esperanza Village and was heading to Benque Viejo Town to attend a 3:00 p.m., meeting at his place of worship, Calvario Benque Church. Interestingly, while the police press office issued no less than three releases for Monday, July 7, not a single mention was made of this accident. In fact, as we go to press this Thursday night, five days later, we are yet to receive an official police press release on this fatal accident.

Relatives of the deceased, including a senior Police Officer, are expressing dismay at the manner in which San Ignacio Police are handling the tragic death of their loved one. The family is alleging major irregularities in the conduct of the investigation, allegations which if proven to be truthful can land at least one police corporal in some very serious problems and could cast a major black eye on the entire police department.

Relatives say that to the best of their knowledge, not even as much as a notice of intended prosecution was issued to PC Cob who continues on active duty as if its business as usual.

To further compound the matter, said a relative “On my way home from Belmopan this (Thursday) evening I passed the same policeman driving the police vehicle on the Western Highway heading towards Belmopan.”

The legally required post mortem examination on the body of Carlos Humberto Casanova was conducted by Dr. Armando Betancourt between the hours of 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m., on Sunday, July 6. The examination revealed that his death was as a result of multiple traumas due to road traffic accident.

Carlos Humberto Casanova was laid to rest on Monday, July 7, in his hometown of Benque Viejo following 3:00 p.m., funeral services at Calvario Benque Church.

The service was conducted by Pastor Helmuth Velasquez, Carlos Humberto Casanova is survived by his parents Hugo Antonio and Silvia Casanova; sister, Nataly Casanova; grandparents Berta Arriaza and Emelina de Hegar as well as his girlfriend for the past 4 years, Johanna Gentle, several aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of other relatives, co-workers and countless friends.

May the soul of Carlos Humberto Casanova rest in peace.

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Deadline for Application: July 11, 2008

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P. O. Box 163
San Ignacio Town, Cayo District
Ermitt Bradley’s Actions Surprises Neighborhood

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, July 4, 2008:

He is generally known in the community as an easy going and quiet person. For all his 47 years, he has never had a run in with the law but today Ermitt Bradley stands accused for the capital crime of murder and the victim is his wife of 18 years.

Ermitt Bradley, 47, Belizean laborer of a George Price Avenue Trapiche Area address in Santa Elena Town appeared in San Ignacio’s Magistrate Court where he was formally arraigned for the murder of his 46 year old estranged wife Nerba.

Reports reaching us indicate that it was shortly after 5:30 am, on Friday, July 4, when Ermitt Bradley, armed with a butcher knife, left his home on George Price Avenue for the long walk up the Cristo Rey Road to Espat’s chicken plant.

Eye witnesses informed that upon arrival shortly after 6:00 am., he called out his wife from her work station. She exited the building and met him outside. A co-worker said “We did not think much of it because we knew that they are husband and wife and we thought that he probably came to discuss some family matter with her. There was a brief argument. It happened so quickly and the next we saw was that she fell backwards to the ground. He ran away and two male workers each picked up a piece of stick and set chased after him but he escaped. Nerba had a large cut to the neck and she was bleeding badly. She was rushed to the hospital but she did not make it.”

Reports reaching us indicate that the marriage was a troubled one which intensified every time the husband was out of work as the strain got burdensome to provide for the children. At the time of her tragic death Nerba, had been living for almost a year at her mother’s house in Esperanza Village. Her mother and other relatives were arriving from Los Angeles for the weekend wedding of her bother that was also arriving to wed his Esperanza bride. It is alleged that Ermitt became enraged when Nerba reportedly told him that he should not attend the wedding because her family is not pleased with him and that her boss would instead accompany her to the wedding.

After allegedly committing the act Ermitt walked home and told his son that he had just hurt his mother and that he is not sure if she was dead.

He was arrested shortly thereafter and whilst in a holding section inside the police station he was repeatedly asking the police if they had taken the ambulance to get his wife and if she was dead.

After learning that she had passed away Ermitt told the police that he will cooperate with them and that he is ready to go to jail.

The family came for a wedding but was instead confronted with a funeral. Some say that although tragic it should come as no surprise as in the heat of their regular disputes he would always tell her that he was going to kill her one of these days.

Nerba had previously worked for several years at the Homestead Acres Chicken Pant located next to the Belikin Distribution Center in Esperanza Village. It was only three days since she began working at the plant on Cristo Rey Road in Santa Elena.
James Francis Cavanagh

Jim's fervent desire for the people of Belize, was, that the tremendous bounty which the discovery of petroleum on the Spanish Lookout fields and elsewhere within Belize, would come to the benefit of each and every Belizean in a fair, just and equitable manner. His wealth of knowledge and experience in the world petroleum industry gave him a unique opportunity to teach the Belizean people how to avoid the many pitfalls associated with oil discoveries. He struggled with his last living breath to desperately prevent what has come to be known in so many countries, as the "Curse of Oil".

The legacy which he leaves us, is one in which we must as a people, learn from his teachings and struggle, in order to ensure: equity, fair play, transparency and accountability at every step of the development of this fledgling industry, so that all Belizeans might benefit.

Only through this process, will the discovery of petroleum in Belize, become a "BLESSING" to this country which he so loved, and not a "CURSE".
**Cash Safe, Cell Phones and Bath Products Stolen In Cayo Cable Vision Burglary**

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, July 11, 2008:
San Ignacio Police today informed that Yezenia Romero, an office manager at Cayo Cable Vision (CCV) located on Burns Avenue San Ignacio Town reported that sometime between the hours of 5:15 p.m., on Wednesday, July 9 and 7:30 a.m., on Thursday July 10 the office of Cayo Cable Vision was burglarized.

Stolen there from were: 3 bath and body works brand gift set, 1 bath and body works and body wash , 1 black Samsung slider cell phone , 3 grey Samsung smart cell phones, 2 Motorola smart W385 , 1 BTI LG Chocolate slider phone, 1 Hiesen Gimmegilla cell phone.

Further checks revealed that two locks were broken off the warehouse situated at the back of the building and a 2x2 iron chest containing $4,077.50 in cash was stolen.

The scene was visited and processed by police who observed that entry was gained by removing 3 louvers from a small window in the bathroom. Police continue their investigation into this incident.

**VACANCY**

**Manager**

Institute for Technical Vocational Education & Training (ITVET)

Stann Creek.

A Vacancy exists for the Manager at Institute for Technical Vocational Education & Training (ITVET) Stann Creek.

**Educational Requirements & Experience:**
- Masters Degree in Educational Leadership/ Business Administration or any related field.
- A minimum of 3-5yrs experience in the Management and Administration of an Educational Institution or Business.

**Abilities and characteristics:**
- A strong Technical Vocational Education vision
- Experience working with a diverse community of staff and trainees.
- Ability to establish and maintain an effective administrative and institutional structure that encourages cooperation and collaboration among all.
- Familiar with the Philosophy of Competency Based Education (CBE)
- Proven ability to communicate effectively.

**Responsibilities / Duties:**
- Coordinate with Instructors and Employment Training and Educational Services(ETES) in planning, directing, coordinating all operations of the ITVET.
- Prepare annual budgets for ITVET
- Manage the institution’s finances.
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- Complete in a timely fashion, all records and reports as requested by ETES and Ministry of Education.
- Any other duties assigned.

**Salary:**
- In accordance with government regulations

**Deadline:**
- The deadline for submission of application along with curriculum vitae and two letters of reference is Thursday July 24, 2008.

**Send to:**
The Director
Employment Training Education Services
Mahogany Street Extension
Belize City

**San Ignacio Police**

acting upon information received they intercepted a grey (4) door Honda Jeep (L/P CY-C 26299) with three Santa Elena Boys who appeared to be traveling in the vehicle with criminal intent.

Inside the vehicle were Ferdinand Muschamp, 16, of #7 Western Highway Santa Elena Town; Ryan O’Brien, 17, of Santa Ana Street, Santa Elena Town and Martin Segura, 18, of #7 Maxi Street Santa Elena Town.

The young men were searched and police found with them: 2 pairs of latex gloves, a machete, a knife, a blue rag and two warm caps.

Police informed that according to information received the boys were about to rob a grocery in Santa Familia Village.

They were detained and escorted to the San Ignacio Police Station where investigations revealed that the vehicle was owned by a Cayo rental company.

All three boys were formally arrested and charged for the crime of “Going equipped to commit the crime of Robbery.”

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**The PACT Foundation Announces its 2008 CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

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Submit complete applications no later than July 18th, 2008 to:

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PACT

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Belmopan, Cayo

Re: PACT Foundation Grants

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**VACANCY NOTICE**

**LAND INFORMATION OFFICER**

**LAND AND SURVEYS DEPARTMENT**

**MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE**

The PACT Foundation, a legally recognized private, non-profit organization, was established in November 2004 and has funds available through the Debt for Nature Swamp Funds to be administered to community based and non-governmental organizations through a grants process. The Foundation’s main objective is to promote the protection and maintenance of Belize’s protected areas.

**Position:** Land Information Officer

**Qualifications:** Bachelor’s Degree in Land/Geographic Information Management or its equivalent

**Skills & Experience:** Organizational, report writing, computer, communication and training skills

**Specialization:** Must be knowledgeable in the operation of Cadatra V Land Registration Systems

Must be knowledgeable in the operation of Geographic Information Systems

Must have basic knowledge in Air Photo Interpretation/Remote Sensing

**Duties/Responsibilities:**
- Assist in the development and maintenance of an up-to-date Land/Geographic Information System, for the Land and Surveys Department;
- Assist in establishing quality control and accuracy standards for Registry Index Maps;
- Assist with Environmental and Physical Planning activities to ensure the most beneficial use of available Land Information Data is reflected in relevant projects;
- Assist with the coordination of various sections in the Department with a view to ensure the collection and recording of Land Information Data for computer compatibility;
- Oversee/supervise GIS application, update/improve maps and improve data quality;
- Conduct GIS training for staff;
- Work along with CCAD/NASA

**Salary:** Payscale 14 of $23,220 x $960 - $41,460

**Deadline for applications**

Interested persons in possession of the requisite qualifications are to submit their application to the: Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, Market Square, City of Belmopan.

China Bans Dog Meat From Olympic Menu

BBC NEWS, Friday, July 11, 2008:
China has ordered dog meat to be taken off the menu at its 112 official Olympic restaurants in order to avoid offending foreign visitors. Restaurant workers are advised to “patiently” suggest other options to diners who order dog.

Any restaurant found violating the ban would be black-listed, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Dog - known as “fragrant meat” - is eaten by some Chinese for purported medicinal properties.

The ban, issued by the Beijing Catering Trade Association, forbids all designated Olympic restaurants from offering dog and urges other food outlets to remove the meat from menus.

“If a customer orders dog meat, restaurant staff should patiently suggest another entree,” said Xiong Yumei, deputy director of the Beijing Tourism Bureau told Xinhua. Act of respect

The measure has been implemented to “respect the habits of many countries and nationalities,” the Beijing News quoted the municipal food department as saying.

The BBC’s James Reynolds says the ban is one of several steps taken by China to avoid foreign visitors being amused or offended by local customs. Authorities have also told people to queue up politely, to smile and not to spit on the streets.

During the 1988 Seoul Olympics, South Korea also banned doggie dishes from menus. Officials invoked a law banning the sale of “foods deemed unsightly”.

Dog meat is eaten in some other Asian countries, including Vietnam, the Philippines and Laos.

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The incident has deprived many children of educational assistance that was generously provide by the couple. It has deprived the Octavia Waight Senior Citizens Home from a generous monthly source of financial assistance. It has robbed the couples’ many friends of their friendly and cheerful companionship.

If convicted these two boys could spend many years, if not the rest of their lives in jail. It could therefore rob these boys of the opportunity to live their youthful lives in freedom with family and friends. These boys are from our neighborhood. We know them. In the case of Michael Lamb, we know his mother. She is our nurse; her heart is devastated; she is really hurting.

We deliberately went into details with this article for all of you young boys out there to understand how easily you can destroy your own life, how much pain you can bring to your parents and the rest of your families. We went into details with this article in the hope that the tragic loss of the life of Donna and Michael Hill could serve to deter the senseless murder of innocent human beings, and in so doing their departure from this life would not have been in vain.

Together Let's Make Belize Safer
Police Week Celebrated July 6 to July 12, 2008

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, July 11, 2008:

Police countrywide are this week celebrating Police Week under the theme “Together Let’s Make Belize Safer”. Activities began with the Annual Church Service on Sunday July 6 and will end with an all day social on Saturday, July 12.

The church service for the San Ignacio Detachment began at 8:30 a.m., at the Sacred Heart Church.

The week of activities in San Ignacio included sporting events, a clean up campaign, a panel discussion and the opening the Flamingo Police Community Park on Flamingo Street in San Ignacio Town.

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