



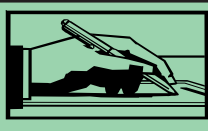
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Editorial



Much Needed Improvements In Dispensing Justice In The Nation

The time might have long come for those charged with dispensing justice in the nation to move away from HEARING the evidence and to enter into the realm of SEEING the evidence on every occasion when this facility is available.

Seeing the evidence in court is nothing new in Belize. In fact this capability has been drastically enhanced with the creation of a civilian branch of the police department, known as the Scenes of Crime Unit. The role of this unit is to visit crime scenes and capture photographic evidence of crime scenes which are tendered into evidence. Once accepted into evidence these photographs are viewed by the bench.

It is said that a picture tells a thousand words. If this is the case then it is safe to say that a video tells a million words.

There has, for several years, been the national discussion about the establishment of a forensic laboratory to enhance the rate of criminal convictions. The cost associated with the realization of this vital component in the criminal justice system is believed to be the major hindering factor.

Of late we have heard of the Gang Suppression Unit employing videography to document its operations primarily with intent to protect the unit from allegations of the use of unjustifiable force in the execution of their duties. In this case videography is relied upon as evidence to prove or to dispel allegations.

While videography can be classified as documentary evidence, it could be considered as a form of forensic data. And so we ask: How expensive is it to process, into evidence, the data from a video recording? If such devices were expensive, very few would be the number of us who would have such facilities in our homes - that device, sitting somewhere in most living rooms across the nation, is known as DVD/video player. The wealthier folks among us have more than one such device in their homes.

A magistrate presiding over a case in court, sits on the bench and listens to the evidence presented. That magistrate's task is to use the evidence to create a picture of what actually transpired by sifting through the evidence. Would not this task be totally eliminated with the presentation, in court, of a video recording of the incident?

Many are the citizens who, for their personal and family safety, have invested hefty sums to buy close circuit security camera systems while the valuable evidence produced therewith is not finding its way into the court system as evidence. A recent example is the case of the burglar, caught on two such cameras, first by an outside camera, breaking into a private house with a crowbar and, after breaking into the house, an inside camera recorded the activity as he was removing expensive electronics and jewelry from inside the house. During the investigation the accused was afforded a front row seat to watch a replay of the video and so he found himself unable to deny that he was the star in the video. He acknowledged being caught red handed on camera and so he pled guilty to the charge. Then the magistrate asked him if he was placed under any duress to plea guilty. Seeing a possible way out, the accused said yes and so his plea was changed to not guilty. WOW!!

Dispensing justice in relation to crimes caught on camera, with a clear image of the accused, should be swift. The judge should review the video (documentary/forensic) evidence and SEE, instead of HEAR the evidence thereby removing any doubt about passing sentence on the right person. In providing the accused with disclosure, as required by law, the accused should be given a hot, burnt copy of the DVD starring the accused.

We recall there was a time recently when Supreme Court Judges were required to write every single word uttered in evidence, then came Justice Denys Barrow with audio recording and so writing by Judges instantly became a thing of the past.

The time has long come for the system to catch up with technological advancement with the accompanying much needed improvements in dispensing justice in the nation.



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Guatemalan Man Found With Gun And Bullets

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from the left front pocket. The officer noted his reluctance to do the same with the other front pocket as he began walking away. Sensing a developing situation another officer came to the assistance of the first officer ordering the Guatemalan to halt. The first officer then proceeded to search the Guatemalan and in the process retrieved the chrome, Colt brand, point 45 pistol with serial number **FC27130** loaded



Colt brand, point 45 pistol with serial number FC27130

with a magazine containing 10 live rounds of ammunition. The man was instantly detained and handed over to the police. Under Belizean law, a gun of this caliber is classified as a prohibited firearm for which license is not legally granted.

The Guatemalan was later arrested and formally charged for keeping a prohibited firearm and for keeping prohibited ammunition.

After many rumblings, one of which indicated that senior policemen were ordering the dropping of charges against the accused, as we were going to

press, we were advised that the accused will be brought before the court on Friday.

We will be among the first to recommend, as an example to his colleagues, for the alert custom officer to be recognized and probably even be financially rewarded for the magnificent display of alertness whilst on duty. With the same haste that public officers are punished for wrong doing they must likewise be recognized whenever they do good.

It is encouraging to note that included in the team of policemen who responded to the report from Custom officials was the Police Special Branch corporal assigned to the Benque Viejo police sub-formation.

We trust that the investigation will proceed beyond the mere arresting, charging and remanding of this Guatemalan man. The police should endeavor to find out with what intent was this individual attempting to enter Belize.

As a starting point, the police might want to find out, by reviewing the cellular phone found in his possession, the persons he was in contact with especially if there is any with Belize cellular number that he might have recently contacted.

Could this be the way in which illegal firearms are introduced into our country? Was this man coming into the country with intent to commit robbery or other serious crimes?



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Deadline: May 31st, 2012

Ian Lizarraga - New BTB Chairman

BELIZE CITY, Belize, Monday, May 7, 2012:

The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) is proud to announce the appointment of its new Board of Directors.

On April 4, 2012, **Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr.**, Minister of Tourism and Culture selected the ten member board, re-appointing three members from the last board and selecting six new board members.

"The successful and sustainable development of our industry is dependent upon robust leadership and direction," said the Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr. *"I strongly believe the new Board of Directors will be able to ensure positive growth in our tourism industry over the next year."*

The new board is Chaired by **Ian Lizarraga**, from Ka'ana Boutique Resort and Spa located on

the Western Highway between the western towns of San Ignacio and Benque Viejo Del Carmen. Lizarraga, a resident of capital city Belmopan is also serving as the representative for the western region.

The other members of the new BTB board are: **Roger Espejo**, Belize City Council Representative; **Gaspar Guerrero**, San Pedro Representative; **Neil Bradley**, Representative for Caye Caulker and the Outer Cayes; **Einer Gomez**, Belize Hotel Association Representative; **James Scott**, Belize Tourism Industry Association Representative; **Robert Pennel**, Representative for the Southern Region of Belize, **Emil Arguelles**, Attorney at Law and **Orlando de la Fuente**, Representing for the northern region. Serving the board as an ex-officio member is our newly



**New Chairman
Ian Lizarraga**



**BTIA Rep
James Scott**

appointed CEO of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, **Mrs. Tracy Panton**.

In accepting the appointment, Chairman Lizarraga, says he is honored to be serving the industry in this new capacity. *"It is paramount to position Belize globally as one of the most attractive emerging destinations, while ensuring efficiency and improved standards within the industry, and guaranteeing ease of entry for tourists entering Belize,"* said Lizarraga. *"Our first order of business, however, is to address the hiring of a new Director of Tourism and a new*

Marketing Director."

Mr. Lizarraga replaces the outgoing chairlady **Mariam Roberson** from San Ignacio Resort Hotel.

The new board would like to thank its past chairlady and all past members of the Board of Directors for their service and dedication to Belize's Tourism Industry.

For more information on the BTB Board of Directors and other BTIA matters, please contact **Joycelyn Mckoy**, Board Secretary at Joycelyn@travelbelize.org.



**Tourism and Culture
Minister,
Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr.**



**New CEO, Ministry of
Tourism and Culture
Tracy Taegar-Panton**



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Billy goes into a bar with his dog. He goes up to the bar and asks for a drink.

The bartender says *"You can't bring that dog in here!"*

Billy, without missing a beat, says *"This is my seeing-eye dog."*

"Oh man," the bartender says, *"I'm sorry, here, the first one's on me."*

Billy takes his drink and goes to a table near the door.

Another guy walks into the bar with a Chihuahua. Billy sees him, stops him and says *"You can't bring that dog in here unless*

you tell the bartender that it is a seeing-eye dog."

The guy graciously thanks Billy and continues to the bar. He asks for a drink. The bartender says *"Hey, you can't bring that dog in here!"*

To which the man replied *"This is my seeing-eye dog."*

The bartender says, *"No, I don't think so. They do not have Chihuahuas as seeing-eye dogs."*

The man pauses for a half-second and replies *"What??? They gave me a Chihuahua??!"*

What I Owe My Mother

My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**: *"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."* She use to say.

My mother taught me **RELIGION**: *"You better pray that stain will come out of the carpet."*

My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**: *"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"*

My mother taught me **LOGIC**: *"Because I said so,*

that's why."

My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC**: *"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."*

My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**: *"Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident."*

My mother taught me **IRONY**: *"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."*

My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**: *"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."*

Fire Destroys 1 Million Dollars Worth of Lumber

GEORGEVILLE, Cayo, Saturday, May 5, 2012:

At around 2:30 pm on Saturday May 5, one **Mr. Zain**, from Pine Lumber Company was alerted by

managing director, **Amin Bedran**, machine operators were summoned to assist in the emergency situation.

Fire tenders from Spanish



Fire Destroying the Logs

a neighbor of a bush fire that was approaching the company's adjacent property.

When he arrived on site, Zain reportedly saw that the fire had already crossed over the fire break and had ignited some logs at the storage area.

Along with the company's

Lookout and San Ignacio/Santa Elena as well as the Police were called out to the scene.

Reports indicate that the fire started when a neighbour set fire to the dry material on his adjacent land. Aided by strong winds blowing from the east, the flames quickly raged out of control.

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A grader and loader operator along with the fire department and water trucks were placed on standby all of Sunday night until the ambers were extinguished later that day..

As the police investigation continues, all efforts to speak with the neighbour has been unsuccessful as it is said that he fled the scene when he realized that he could not control the fire.

The management of Pine Lumber Company informed that about 90% of their harvested logs were lost in the blaze. Bedran estimates the loss in the region of 800 to a million dollars.

Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

You are inspired creatively, artistically, or spiritually at this time. Your imagination, intuition, and psychic sensitivity are high now, and you find yourself wanting to paint or listen to music, daydream, or fantasize rather than concentrate on practical matters. **Lucky numbers: 31, 65, 94.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

You feel lucky and are apt to overestimate yourself or the possibilities in some situation. Don't over commit yourself or promise too much, as you're apt to feel foolish or overextended later. Your mood is jovial, however, and social relations are good. **Lucky numbers: 17, 43, 59.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

You are optimistic and possibly extravagant now. You are less cautious than usual, feeling that nothing can possibly go wrong. If you are inclined to overindulge, overspend, or go to excesses in any manner, this tendency is exaggerated at this time. However, you also aim higher than usual and a very promising opportunity or contact can also occur. **Lucky numbers: 02, 36, 85.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

Thoughts of love and an appreciation of the beauty in your life comes to the fore. This is a favorable time to communicate your feelings to the ones you care about: write a love poem or send a love letter! Also your aesthetic sense is strong now; you may want to make changes in your environment to make it more harmonious and pleasurable for you. **Lucky numbers: 10, 25, 52.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

You are alert, mentally sharp and clear, and your ability to comprehend new concepts is heightened. Also, you can verbalize and articulate your ideas very well at this time. Intellectual curiosity is also high. This is a good time to make plans and strategies or begin a course of study. **Lucky numbers: 23, 61, 89.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Your moods, feelings, and instincts rule you and you're apt to act out of emotion or habit rather than reason or conscious choice. You seek the known, comfortable, and familiar, and you're disinclined to confront new people or situations. It may be uncomfortable for you to be away from your home at this time. **Lucky numbers: 13, 47, 76.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

You will be alert and on your toes now. The pace is likely to be fast, even hectic. You are restless and eager to meet others halfway, to converse, exchange information, and make connections. Nervousness or irritability due to aggravations and the stress of increased demands at work is possible. **Lucky numbers: 34, 57, 91.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

You feel a bit wild or impulsive and may act in an impulsive manner which could embarrass you later. Emotional outbursts are also possible, especially if you have been feeling constrained or stressed. **Lucky numbers: 06, 45, 73.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

This is a busy time; communicating and getting in touch with others is very likely. Numerous phone calls, letters, meetings, errands, or discussions bring you into contact with others. This is a good time to brainstorm with others, share ideas, and come to a group consensus. **Lucky numbers: 29, 37, 54.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

Your vitality and courage are strong now and you are eager to meet challenges. You can accomplish a great deal of work, especially if it involves physical effort. If you are active in sports, you will be especially competitive and vigorous now. Self-confidence is high. **Lucky numbers: 27, 53, 72.**

AQUARIUS:

January 21 to February 19

This is your week, opportunities for friendship, pleasant associations, and enjoyable social interactions will occur. Personal relationships are harmonious and rewarding. Also, financial transactions go smoothly for you and material benefits are possible at this time. **Lucky numbers: 15, 39, 67.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

This time is filled with stimulating discussions about controversial topics, unusual or offbeat ideas, or "crazy" schemes. The tempo of your life increases and may leave you feeling frazzled. Because you are quite restless, you may do or say things in haste that you will regret later. **Lucky numbers: 22, 60, 83.**

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Readers Write



Thank You For Highlighting Our Concern

Dear Editor;

Please allow me the opportunity to thank you for dedicating your editorial this week for bringing to light a situation that has been affecting us for all these years.

I live on Joseph Andrews Drive in San Ignacio. I have all my life invested in my family house and therefore have nowhere else to go.

The noise that these truck drivers make with the jake brakes has been driving us crazy all these years. Like your editorial said,

solving this problem is quite simple it does not require rocket science. I am hoping that the police and the town council will heed the simple suggested opinion you offered.

To paraphrase your editorial: *“Oh what a wonderful day it will be for all of us when this terrible nuisance is totally eliminated.”*

Thank you for highlighting our concern.

G. Pineda,
Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio, Cayo

excellent job of reporting the alleged brutality of a 15 year old boy at the hands of a policeman station in San Ignacio which I read on the internet.

Mr. Editor, I am the mother of two girls and two teen age boys and no matter what my boys do I would never physically assault them and beat them like they were animals.

I am looking forward to the outcome of this case I would love to see what the Minister of National Security and the Commissioner of Police will do about this particular case since I am told that the entire episode was recorded by cameras inside the police station and in the area of the cell block .

That policeman should have never laid hands on that boy. Is he one of those that abuse their

children? How sad and disgusting is it when we realize that we no longer safe not even from those who swore to protect us. I can recall a recent incident of a man going to the police station in Belize City for safety only to be robbed by a policeman inside the station.

There are several surveillance cameras inside the police station, this incident was caught on tape. With this kind of documentary evidence available to the police, why was this policeman not instantly dealt with by a police tribunal.

This particular case is close to me because the child is a relative of mine. I intend to follow up on this case until it ends. It would be really good if the **STAR** could assist us in this regard.
DW. San Ignacio Town.

The Evidence Is Crystal Clear

Dear Mr. Editor,

As a concern citizen of Santa

Elena Town, I personally would like to commend you on the



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The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Works and Transport, has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to implement a Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Project (FMIP) designed to rehabilitate, improve and protect Belize City's Drainage and Urban Road Network. The main project objective is aimed at reducing Belize City's vulnerability to flooding events while increasing the long term capacity of the Belize City Council to provide adequate maintenance to streets, drains and canals.

As the Executing Agency, Ministry of Works and Transport intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the project for the establishment of a Project Execution Unit (PEU) within the MOW.

The positions to be filled are a Technical Specialist, a Financial Specialist, an Administrative Assistant and two Site Inspectors/Technicians as summarized below.

POSITIONS	OBJECTIVES	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
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Financial Specialist (one)	Provide accounting and financial services under the project to ensure compliance with Bank procedures/guidelines.	1. Associate Degree in Business, Accounting or Finance. 2. At least 5 years experience in providing accounting and financial services at a senior management level. 3. Computer Literate and proficient in Word, Excel and Quick Books. 4. Good communication skills and fluent in English.
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From: Hon. Patrick Faber,
Minister of Education, Youth and Sports

The Full Article On PC #11 Francis Aldana

Last week it slipped us to continue the headline article on page 2 as was indicated. Every reader we met during the week confronted us on the omission. We sincerely apologize for the error and by popular request, the article **IN FULL** follows:

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, 2nd May, 2012:

Was this policeman drunk on duty? Did he view himself as judge, jury and executioner? What prompted him, as he admitted to a commanding officer, to *“Knock the young man”* because of what the boy was accused to have done.

Does this case show that some policemen are in dire need of anger management training?

Even in primary schools, corporal punishment has been outlawed. What therefore gives the police the right to corporally punish a child in his care?

Police Constable #11 Francis Aldana today finds himself on the hot seat as he stands **criminally charged** for allegedly causing harm to a 15 year old minor who, on Tuesday, May 1, was brought to the station by a brother and a sister for allegedly misbehaving at home.

The case is being handled personally by **Inspector Reymundo Reyes** in his current capacity as officer commanding the station.

It is alleged that when the boy

was brought into the station he was handed over to the accused who was assigned diarist duties.

At about 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 2, the boy accompanied by his mother visited the police station in San Ignacio where they officially lodged a report requesting court action against PC #11 Francis Aldana.

The report alleged that when the child was brought into the station on Tuesday, May 1 he was handed over to PC Aldana who was working diarist duties at the time. It is alleged that the accused policeman was taking note of the child’s particulars as is required prior to detaining him. Aldana reportedly asked the boy: *“You da bad bway then?”* According to the report, when the child answered *“No Sir”* he was reportedly asked to repeat his



The Accused PC #11 Francis Aldana

response and after he did, it is alleged that the accused policeman stood up from behind the desk and punched him in the stomach which, according to the boy, caused him pain.

In his statement to police, the child alleges that after punching

him in the stomach, the policeman escorted him to a holding cell where he instructed him to take off his shoes after which he was again attacked by the policeman who, this time, stomped him on the left leg causing him severe pain.

The child alleges that the final attack came just as he was being placed inside the cell at which point, he alleges that the same policeman punched him to the left side of his face before shoving him into the cell

In corroboration of the boy’s story, and upon being examined by the police, the child was observed with a swelling in the area of the left rib cage and complaining of pain to the left side of his face. He was issued with a pair of medico-legal forms and escorted to the San Ignacio

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67 Year Old Santa Elena Man Charged For Rape

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the accused began acting “weird” as if “calling the spirits” and that at his request two carnal inter actions took place. She alleged that the third interaction would have been of an oral nature upon him but she refused.

They then left the park and went back to Burns Avenue where he bought a plate of rice and beans. They were walking up towards the police station when the complainant reportedly refused the request from the accused to take her to the river to “wash her up”. They instead took a seat under the shelter of a nearby fast

food shop with the police station in clear view up ahead. The complainant informed that she first stretched on the bench with her head resting in “Mr. Gamboa’s” lap resulting in her emerging with a suck mark on the right side of her neck. They reportedly shifted position and she began rubbing his head and about ten minutes later “Mr. Gamboa” fell asleep and began snoring. The complainant said that she slid from under his head, walked to the police station and request for the police to take her home.

Accompanied by the sister-in-

law she returned to the police station a few hours later at around 9 o’clock on Thursday where she reported that she was raped.

The police did not have to go far to find the accused as he was spotted sitting in the Columbus Park, smack in front of the police station. The accused was detained and escorted up the steps to the staton where he was indentified as **Samuel Jones**, 67, Belizean, unemployed senior citizen of a Santa Cruz area address in Santa Elena Town. He was positively identified by the accused after which the complainant, accompanied by a

policewoman and the sister-in-law, were transported, in a private vehicle, to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan where she was examined by **Dr. Renato Howe**. We asked why she was transported all the way to Belmopan and were told that there is no gynocologist attached to the San Ignacio Hospital.

The accused was subsequently arrested and formally charged for rape. When asked if he wanted to give a statement, the complainant chose to remain silent. He was brought before the court on Monday, May 7, where the +singular rape charge was read to him by Belmopan Magistrate **Adolph Lucas Jr.** deputizing for the town’s regular magistrate. Jones pled not guilty to the charge and, at the request of prosecutor, **George Gomez**, bail was denied as the accused was sent to prison to be brought back to court on Wednesday August 8, 2012.

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Hospital where the medical officer on duty, **Dr. David Pacheco**, certified the injuries as harm.

The report indicates that upon being questioned, the accused policeman reportedly admitted that he “*did knock the young man but it was because I got anger when I heard that he pulled knife at his mother*”.

Upon this admission Aldana was, on Thursday, May 3, immediately cautioned, formally arrested and accordingly charged for causing harm to the boy. He was slated to appear in court shortly after being formally charged today, however, there was no magistrate in court on Thursday afternoon. Aldana was consequently freed on a \$500 police signed bail and ordered to return to court at 9:00 am the following day, Friday, May 4, 2012.

After his appearance in court the report will be forwarded to police headquarters in Belmopan where it will be decided if this policeman will be allowed to continue performing duties as per usual or if he will be placed on interdiction and relieved from all police duties until the case is brought to a final conclusion.

What on earth was going through this policeman’s mind? Of all persons he knows that every movement at the front desk and in the cell block area is recorded specifically to protect citizens against these kinds of abuses. He obviously was of the impression that this one was not going to come back to bite him.

UPDATE:

The accused appeared in court on Wednesday, May 9 where the singular “**Harm**” charge was read

to him by **Magistrate Narda Morgan**. He pled not guilty to the charge and was released on the same five hundred dollars. He and ordered to return to court on

Monday, July 16, 2012.

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