

A second man convicted for Reuben Perez's murder

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On Wednesday, two months after the sentencing of Tyrone Reid, who pleaded guilty in March of this year to the 2015 murder of Reuben Perez, the 47-year-old owner of Perez Hardware who was shot inside his establishment, Reid's accomplice, Keon Dennison, was also found guilty of murder.

Dennison, who was 18 years old at the time of the incident and who will be sentenced on June 16, had unlike Reid, not pleaded guilty to the crime and had chosen to go to trial. Nonetheless, he was convicted of murder in the Belize City Supreme Court chambers of Justice Ricardo Sandcroft, who indicated in his 50-page judgment that the Crown had proven the case without a shadow of a doubt, due to eyewitness testimony as well as surveillance footage of the incident that showed him at the scene of the robbery-turned-murder. In addition, a caution statement had been admitted into evidence against him.

Also, although Reid, who was sentenced to 31 years in prison, was seen pulling the trigger on surveillance footage, the same footage showed Dennison going back to the scene of the shooting to steal the dead victim's cell phone.

This ruling is the first guilty verdict handed down by Justice Sandcroft since he joined the Supreme Court bench. Mitigation pleas will be heard on June 16 on behalf of Dennison, whose Supreme Court murder bail has been revoked following this conviction.

Groundbreaking held for Philip Goldson Highway and Remate Bypass Upgrading Project

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transportation, housing, health, education, and citizen security. While the bank has had an impact on many sectors in Belize, a lot of our support has involved road infrastructure improvements. Since 1996, when we approved our first capital investment in the sector, we have provided approximately 330 million Belize dollars in loans and grant financing," he said.

Over 55,000 individuals traverse the Philip Goldson Highway daily and will benefit from improved safety when the upgrade, which is projected to reach completion in late 2023, is done, and it is expected that the upgrade will generate increased economic activity for the 45,000 residents of Corozal, Orange Walk, and other northern communities.

INDIGENOUS MAYA AND GARIFUNA CAN DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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and lands with autonomy and jurisdiction over them.

Currently, the governments in these countries where they live continue to



A picture of one of the five Garifuna leaders who were kidnapped in Triunfo De La Cruz, Honduras who are still missing and presumed dead, Alberth Sneider Centeno

encroach upon their lands, imposing the collection of taxes from them and sending little or no revenues back to spend in their villages or towns. In the case of Belize, there is not even one elected Garifuna person in the House of Representatives, so taxation without representation is undemocratic.

Plus, they exercise control in the taking of the Garifuna and Maya lands and sometimes with the consent and collaboration of their elected representatives, through the central and local government system. The political systems in these countries do not operate to benefit the Garifuna and Maya people. What it does is to continue supporting the ongoing

violations of their human, land and other fundamental rights that the Garifuna and Maya people possess.

It is now time for the Garifuna and Maya people to exercise their rights and to stop waiting on their governments to grant them rights they have possessed for centuries before their territories were colonized and neo-colonized by the Spanish, French and British.



A picture of a Maya leader fighting for his People's Rights in Guatemala who was killed by the name of Juan De Eon Tuyic Velasquez

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BELIZE BREWING COMPANY EXPANDS EXPORT AGREEMENTS

Creating opportunities for Belize

The Belize Brewing Company has begun exporting to the Caribbean. With long-term agreements in place, it produces, bottles, and exports various beverages for multiple companies across the region. These agreements provide a valuable source of foreign currency income for Belize.

Belize Brewing Company's export agreements are with Caribbean companies and multinational corporations. These businesses consider Belize Brewing Company a trusted partner, capable of delivering high-quality products for their respective brands and markets. Additionally, there are ongoing conversations with existing and new customers, which will expand the export volumes.

The beverages for export only include Endura Malt and 24K Premium Lager, Stout, and Light Brews, while LandShark and Smirnoff Ice are produced for both the local and export markets.

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