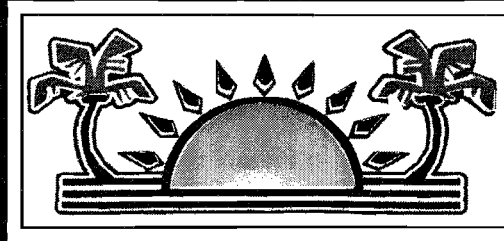


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Corporal Gavin Sanchez fatally shot by fellow officer



Corporal Gavin Sanchez, deceased



Sergeant Paulino Reyes

Sometime after 3:00 a.m. March 18th, gun shots broke the still of night. Neighbors claim to have heard up to eight shots and as dawn broke in San Pedro Town, reports poured and at the end of it all, it

was a fact that police corporal Gavin Sanchez, detached to the San Pedro Police Department, had lost his life after being fatally wounded by one of his own. By day break, the body of Corporal Sanchez

remained in the hallway of the Police Barracks behind the San Pedro Police Department. Sergeant Paulino Reyes was the officer involved in the shooting and in a statement issued to the department he explained that the shooting was as a result of self defense. By midday, the island was inundated by media and high ranking officials looking for answers.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on Thursday the body of the slain corporal was transported to the Karl Heusner's Memorial Hospital's morgue where it lay in wait of a post mortem examination. Back in San Pedro Town, an official press conference was held at the San Pedro Magistrates Court where Assistant Commissioner of Police Miguel Segura explained the results of their initial investigations, "From the initial investigation conducted, it reveals that at about 11:45 pm on Wednesday the 17th of March,

Sgt. Paulino Reyes was working special duty in uniform at Wet Willy's Night Club situated on the beachfront, where his attention was drawn to two BDF and a police officer having an altercation with a person identified as Corporal Gavin Sanchez. At about 12 midnight Sgt. Reyes escorted Gavin Sanchez outside of that premises, with the assistance of the BDF and PC Jeffrey Martinez of the San Pedro Police Department. He was later escorted to the San Pedro Police Station. Whilst at the station Cpl. Sanchez was behaving disorderly and even uttered words, threatening that he would kill that boy and in the presence of other officers at the station.

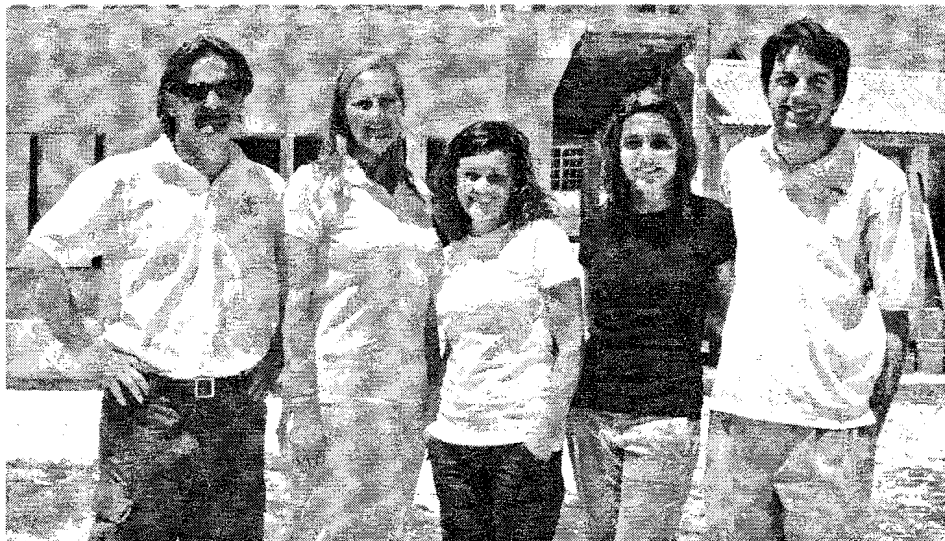
"Subsequent entries were made by the officers in the diary. At about 2:30am after the conclusion of the event

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San Mateo Empowerment Project becomes

Neighborhood Watches meet with Hon. Heredia

Wilmington students finalize teaching certifications in SP



Last year's exchange program was such a great success that this year, 17 students from the University of North Carolina arrived in La Isla Bonita in order to finalize their teaching certifications. Arriving from our sister city, Wilmington, North Carolina, USA, for the next few weeks, the students will be engaging with elementary and high school students on the island in order to acquire teaching skills needed to finalize their teaching certification.

According to Dennis Kubasko, secondary education faculty member, the 17 students, once certified, will be able to engage in elementary or secondary teaching roles back home in North Carolina. "They have to teach actual students up close and personal in the real classroom environment. They first taught at their various assigned schools but as part of a special exchange program, they are now teaching at San Pedro High School, Isla Bonita Elementary and Ambergris Caye Elementary."

Well received by both students and teachers, Professor Kubasko, who is accompanying the group, says that, "this is just the beginning of a great exchange program where both countries will benefit." According to Kubasko, this program was facilitated by the Consulate of Belize, Mayor of San Pedro Town Elsa Paz through the close ties that bind both through their sister city relationship.

The students are engaging in 15 weeks of training, ten were held in the USA while the other five will take place on Ambergris Caye.