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Sand Hill Resident Electrocuted While Flying Kite
BEL Reminds General Public of Safety Tips

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has been informed by the Belize Police Department that a resident of Sand Hill Village in the Belize District was apparently electrocuted on Sunday, March 19, 2006.

Initial police investigations reveal that at about 6:00 p.m. yesterday, 26-year old Kennon Hernandez was flying a kite, using a tying wire, when the tying wire came in contact with a high tension power line. Hernandez suffered electric shock and was taken to the Karl Huesner Memorial Hospital where he was admitted for treatment and died shortly after. Authorities have scheduled a post mortem to confirm the cause of death.

BEL extends condolences to the family of the late Kennon Hernandez and takes this opportunity to urge the public to practice the following kite flying safety tips:

- ◆ Never use wire, it is a conductor of electricity and you could be electrocuted
- ◆ Never fly your kite near the path of incoming aircraft
- ◆ Always fly your kite away from T.V. and radio aerials, power lines or substations
- ◆ Always keep away from fallen wires
- ◆ Never fly kites on or near public highways
- ◆ Never fly kites in wet or stormy weather
- ◆ Always use dry string or wood and paper in your kite
- ◆ Never attempt to remove kite from power poles yourself
- ◆ Always call BEL at 0-800-235-2273 if your kite gets snagged or entangled in a power line.

For more information, visit BEL's website at www.bel.com.bz or listen out for kite flying safety tips currently airing on various radio stations countrywide.

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