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Punta Gorda Resident Receives Electric Shock – Remains in Serious Condition

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has been informed by the Belize Police Department that a resident of Punta Gorda received an electric shock yesterday and remains in a serious condition at the Western Reginal Hospital.

Initial police investigations reveal that at approximately 4:00 p.m. yesterday, 25-year-old David Bahadur was picking mangos from a tree with an aluminum pipe in Punta Gorda Town. The tree is located under a 22 kV power line and the incident resulted from the aluminum pipe coming in contact with the power line.

Police report that consequently, Bahadur received third degree burns to most of his body. He was rushed to the Punta Gorda Hospital and shortly after, to the Western Reginal Hospital for further treatment.

BEL is hoping Bahadur recovers speedily from his injuries and takes this opportunity to remind the general public of the following:



**BEL Provides Tree Trimming/Cutting Services.
Call us at 0-800-235-2273 to request this service.**

- Never use any form of metal object near power lines. It is a conductor of electricity and you could be seriously injured or electrocuted.
- Always remain a minimum of 18 feet away from power lines.
- Call BEL to trim or cut trees located near power lines.
- When flying kites, never use wire.
- Never fly your kite near the path of an incoming aircraft.
- Always keep away from fallen wires.
- Never fly your kite in wet or stormy weather.
- Never attempt to remove kite or any

object from power lines yourself. Always call BEL for assistance.

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