





## **PRESS RELEASE**

## DOMESTIC COOPERATION STRENGTHENED

Domestic cooperation in the fight against money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism, received a boost on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, when the Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Ambassador A. Joy Grant, and the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Allen Whylie, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU will strengthen the cooperation that currently exists and facilitate the analysis and investigation of suspected money laundering, associated predicate offences, and the financing of terrorism and proliferation.

Implementation of the MOU will increase the potential sources of information available to both the FIU and Police to fight crime and remove the profit from criminal activities. It also provides a framework for joint operations where the strengths of each party may complement the other and add value to the process.

This is the second of several MOUs that are being negotiated between various stakeholders within the Government of Belize and the FIU.

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