

**Media release**

## **Canadian "Porn King" on Trial in Honduras, Friday, November 13, 2015**

Canadian tourism operator Randy Jorgensen (the "Porn King") is charged with illegal seizure and possession of Garifuna territories for his tourism operations and investments. Other tourism operators and investors are at risk, due to corruption and questionable land titles.

Jorgensen is known, in Canada and Honduras, as the "Porn King", as he established and operated on-line pornography video websites [ex: aov.ca]. In Karen Spring's article, see article by Dawn Paley for more background about Jorgensen.

- OFRANEH Communique: <http://www.rightsaction.org/action-content/canadian-porn-king-trial-november-13-2015-honduras>
- Article by Karen Spring: <http://www.karenspring.com/2015/10/randy-jorgensen-canadian-porn-king-to.html>

Lands of Garífuna communities of Trujillo Bay, on the north coast of Honduras, have been seized by Canadian investor Randy Jorgensen and by other Canadian, American and international tourism operators and investors.

After the 2009 Honduran military coup d'etat, that was supported by the U.S. and Canadian governments, Randy Jorgensen - and the Municipality of Trujillo - invoked the Forced Expropriation Law (1913) to seize the community of Río Negro, which Jorgensen then proceeded to demolish to allow for construction of the "Banana Coast" cruise ship dock and tourist complex.

In September 2011, the Office of the Special Prosecutor for Ethnic Groups applied for an injunction in the matter of a questionable land transaction involving the sale of land to the "Porn King" by a woman called Orley Reneand. Besides illegally acquiring the land, the Canadian investor seized another piece of land that had not been included in the illegal transaction.

In August 2013, the Civil Court in Trujillo issued an order for contempt of court in the case of Jorgensen, who ignored the Court's subpoenas.

In June, 2015, the Court issued an arrest warrant, that was also ignored by Randy Jorgensen and the authorities.

Finally, in October 2015, Jorgensen reluctantly reported to the Court. The Court then set November 13 as the date for a hearing in a trial for illegal seizure and appropriation.

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