



## **MAN SLEEPS WITH FER-DE-LANCE AND DIES**

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EAST PARSANTIAGO, the body of former United States resident, Paul Trapmore, was found lifeless in his bed on the morning of Thursday, July 12, 2007. Lead Investigator, Officer Jose Switjusticio, pronounced Mr. Trapmore dead on the scene. According to Switjusticio, Mr. Trapmore suffered a fatal bite to his inner thigh from a fer-de-lance pit viper, which had, authorities presume, crawled in his open window and into Mr. Trapmore's low, platform bed. The snake itself remained, oddly, with the body, under the covers, throughout the night, coiling itself around Mr. Trapmore's swollen and bruised wound. Mr. Trapmore's family asks for privacy at this time.

Mr. Trapmore left a note behind, having apparently written it immediately following his fatal bite. Lead Investigator Switjusticio asks the public to report any suspicious persons that might fit this description. Notably, Mr. Trapmore was fighting extradition attempts by United States law enforcement officers who have charged him with selling his own two-year-old daughter to a kidnapper *via* the internet. Lawyers for Mr. Trapmore declined to comment further. Switjusticio indicates he is treating Mr. Trapmore's death as an accident and opines that Mr. Trapmore's note was a death-throe delusion.

The text of the note left by Mr. Trapmore is as follows: "Whore, witch, la puta...dressed in black....she kills me with snake...."

Health ministers remind that when encountering a deadly snake to stand clear and leave the vicinity immediately. Always check under covers and leave windows and doors closed or screened when possible. Beds in homes near areas known for venomous snakes should be off the ground.