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Physical security fails antivirus pioneer John McAfee-- the "Gang Suppression Unit" (GSU) in Belize reportedly raided his home, arresting the McAfee founder and shooting his dog in the process.



The raid took place on May 1, with the armed police unit allegedly smashing down the door to McAfee's house before ransacking his property.

McAfee says the GSU then took his passport and handcuffed him and 12 of his employees, arresting him for owning an illegal firearm, a charge McAfee describes as "bogus."

"They began, with sledge hammers, to break the doors of the buildings-- none of them were locked, but they just went and broke them in any case... handcuffed me and everyone and for 14 hours outside in the sun, I sat handcuffed without food or water..." McAfee says of his ordeal.

The Belize authorities give no reason for the arrest, instead reporting the find of a cache of weapons including shotguns, handguns, rifles and ammunitions. McAfee says he has permits for all but one of the weapons, which make up his company's physical "security."

McAfee blames the incident on his refusing to donate money to "the local political boss."

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This is not the first time John McAfee found himself in legal troubles. In 2010 Fast Company suggested McAfee exaggerated his company's financial losses-- and moved to Belize, becoming a permanent resident-- in order to avoid fallout from the lawsuit surrounding the death of his nephew in a flying accident.

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