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Dear Governor Calvo and Speaker Cruz:

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6 PM
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Man allegedly terrorized family with toy gun

By Mindy Aguon
For The Guam Daily Post

A 33-year-old man was arrested for allegedly terrorizing a family with a toy gun.

Jason John Castro Borja allegedly got into an argument with a woman in front of her three minor children.

Court documents state Borja threw a white fan at the woman but missed, causing the children and woman to run out of the home.

A few minutes later, Borja allegedly came out of the home with what the family believed was an actual gun and pointed at the woman telling her, "Get your (expletive) inside before I shoot your head," documents state.



Jason John Castro Borja

According to interviews police conducted with the victims, Borja allegedly ordered everyone to come to the kitchen table so they could play a game that he described as "point the gun and shoot."

When he allegedly commanded the kids to come and play, documents state the three minors fled the home and called police.

Borja told police he admitted to picking up a toy gun and claimed that he kept pulling the trigger to show the family it was a toy, court documents state.

A toy gun was located and confiscated in the kitchen area.

Borja was arrested and charged with terrorizing, child abuse, family violence and assault.

Man charged in meth conspi may reverse guilty plea

By Nell Pang
neil@postguam.com

A man charged in 2015 in connection with a meth-distribution conspiracy who entered into a plea agreement in 2016 may withdraw his guilty plea after he claimed ineffective assistance of counsel yesterday.

According to court documents, Alvin Cruz, 38, was charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in a superseding indictment handed down by a grand jury on Dec. 9, 2015. Details provided in court documents state Cruz, who was a resident of California at the time of the crime, agreed to send approximately 16 grams of methamphetamine via the United States Mail to a contact in Guam – co-defendant Louis San Nicolas Cruz, who had previously agreed to distribute the drug to local buyers.

Cruz initially pleaded not guilty to the charges, but later changed his plea and entered into an agreement with the U.S. government admitting guilt to the charge of conspiracy to distribute meth before Magistrate Judge Joaquin Manibusan on March 3, 2016.

Communication breakdown

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood was prepared to sentence Cruz yesterday, but ended up delaying his sentencing after his court-appointed attorney, William Gavras, informed the court of a potential breakdown in communications between himself and his client.

Gavras reported a conversation between Cruz and himself last Friday in which Cruz said something to Gavras that made his attorney doubt he had adequately informed his client of the terms of his plea agreement. He added his client had requested Gavras file an objection in court that his attorney had reservations about, citing conflicts with details of Cruz's plea agreement.

When asked by Tydingco-Gatewood about the attorney-client relationship, Cruz reported an incident with Gavras that occurred last Friday when, in the middle of a conversation with his attorney, Gavras allegedly got up and walked away.

"That is categorically untrue," Gavras said as he made his motion to withdraw as counsel.

Earlier in the course case, Gavras filed a moti draw as counsel, but said client had been able to rec differences.

With his case now rea another attorney, Cruz's was delayed and the court his next appearance for a s ing on April 25 at 9 a.m.

Prosecutors are rec Cruz be sentenced to in custody followed by fi supervised release and 1(community service in lieu Cruz's part in the conspir

Court documents state States Postal Inspection S tified two suspicious pack Barrigada post office in 2015 that were addresse tious individuals. The tw each contained smaller p containing about 17 gran juana and 16 total gran concealed within two video game cases.

The signed plea agreer Cruz was the "organizer of others involved in the to distribute (meth) in that he used false names return address when he packages to be sent from to avoid detection and pr

The government explai documents that, normall dant who enters into a plea qualifies for downward a for clearly accepting re but that Cruz did not qu case because he left Gua court released him under t sion of the U.S. Probation

Arrest in Colora

According to court Cruz absconded to Colo he was later arrested on st and eventually placed custody and returned to G

The government arg recommendation that C make any effort to return that he returned only be arrest, conviction and sen offense committed in Co did not render "substa tance" in the case.

Tydingco-Gatewood currently has active warr his arrest in the states o and Nevada.

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MINUTES

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Maria A. Gutierrez, Vice Chair and Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Jon J. P. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

Voting Members:
Gutierrez, Maria A.- Vice Chair (Acting Chair)
Benavente, Lourdes M. **(Tele-conference)**
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.
Mendiola, Mark B.
San Nicolas, Lourdes B.

Non-Voting Members:
Olandez, John (OHS)- IBOGS Representative
Perez, Franklin (AIJMS) - GFT Representative
Matanane, Rudy M. - Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison

Absent:
Ada, Peter Alecxis D.

The Superintendent announced that there was a quorum. *(By law, five voting members constitute a quorum. Six (6) voting members were present for this meeting.)*

III. Public Participation

Senator Joe San Agustin presented resolutions to all six semi-finalists for the 2017 Guam Department of Education Teacher of the Year. They are Melissa B. Camacho from Jose Rios Middle School, Monica G. Cepeda from Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary

School, Melanie C. Escobar from Wettengel Elementary School, Billy Jay Navarrete from Upi Elementary School, Analyn V. Palugod from Adacao Elementary School, and Mabel M. Uncangco from Tamuning Elementary School.

Senator San Agustin mentioned that Mayor Matanane advised him that there would be a town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. He mentioned the only reason why the Bill 70-34 was introduced was to give an option to the Simon Sanchez community. He asks that the families, PTO, teachers, and staff attend the meeting to listen to the charter schools that are going to present their issues. He commented that if the Board did not want the bill, then it would not go any further.

Derrian Pablo, junior at Simon Sanchez High School shared his concerns regarding the conversion of Simon Sanchez High School into a charter school. He asked what "major effects" are possible if his school was to be changed to a charter school.

Vice Chair Gutierrez responded that the Board has not taken a position on the bill. After the May 2, 2017, town hall meeting that will be facilitated by Mayor Rudy Matanane and the Senators that are sponsors on this bill, the Board will discuss the results based on the community, students, parents, and everyone present.

Superintendent Fernandez invited the crowd and others to the town hall meeting on May 2, 2017, 6 p.m. in the Simon Sanchez High School cafeteria to further discuss the bill. He mentioned that he communicated with the senators and informed them that there were a lot of questions to needed to be answered before the Board could make an informed decision one way of the other about the Board's position on the proposed legislation.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that the Board has not seen the plan as to how this could look, and she urged the students, teachers, and parents to come out on May 2, 2017 and express their thoughts. She mentioned that the community should give the charter school the opportunity to explain what the plan looks like and then from there take it one-step at the time.

Mr. Lujan mentioned that his committee met to discuss the bill. His committee felt that it was imperative that the community of Yigo and the surrounding participating villages that attend SSHS should make the decision. According to the charter school law passed in 2009, it states that a charter school conversion must gain approval from at least 60% from the community. The input of the community cannot happen unless the community itself stands up and voices their opinion.

Deanne Fournier, Simon Sanchez High School PATSO President asked for more information and clarification regarding the possibility of converting SSHS into a charter school.

Vice Chair Gutierrez responded this was only a proposed bill and not a law yet. She agreed that if the municipality of Yigo did not want then there would be no bill. She further mentioned that the Board had not yet digested the bill. She again encouraged everyone to be present and voice their concerns on May 2, 2017, 6 p.m. at SSHS.

Jevin Lucero, 5th grader at Maria Ulloa Elementary School, asked, "What is the purpose of building a charter school instead of rebuilding Simon Sanchez High School?" He stated that he wanted to attend Simon Sanchez High School.

Mr. Perez, GFT representative, said that there was no consultation before the bill's introduction, adding that senators should instead focus on making sure the procurement process is followed to finally rebuild Simon Sanchez High School.

Monica Flis, teacher at Simon Sanchez High School, asked for the Board's support in opposing bill 70-34 to covert SSHS into a charter school.

Andri Baynum, teacher at Simon Sanchez High School, voiced his opposition of changing Simon Sanchez High School into a charter school. He stated that there was no doubt that Simon Sanchez High School needed a new school, but the charter school conversion approach may be fraught with pitfalls, even more convoluted than the current request for proposals process to build a new school.

Melanie Blas, teacher at Simon Sanchez High School voiced her concerns to convert SSHS to a charter school. She commented that if the decision is made without teacher input and support, you would lose lots of certified teachers. She stated that she would not work at SSHS if it became a charter school.

Mayor Matanane stated to the crowd that he would stand up for students, parents, teachers, and staff of SSHS. He shared his concerns on Bill 70-34.

Karl Quitano, Special Education Job Coach at Simon Sanchez High School, voiced his concerns on the changing of Simon Sanchez High School into a charter school.

Shannon Seleen, teacher at D. L. Perez Elementary School, voiced her concerns regards Bonus Retention Incentives Program (BRIP). She mentioned that she was an off-island teacher recruited in 2006 under Superintendent of Luis Reyes and was told about BRIP upon being hired; she was hired as a deaf education and special education teacher. She continued in that position for four years and in 2010 she applied for BRIP and until this date, she has not seen that money. She asked the Board to acknowledge that they have debt due to many teachers on this island.

Mr. Lujan commented that he was aware of the program because he was a teacher at that time. He mentioned that the department has guaranteed through payment with many programs and this is one of the programs that was not honored.

Mr. Fernandez committed to gathering the necessary information to determine whether there is any outstanding amounts owed to teachers.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Mr. Mendiola, to acknowledge that the Department owes these teachers for the BRIP and will refer this matter to the finance committee for further research and deliberation on how the Department is going to pay this program.

Dr. McNinch asked for clarification and whether the motion was to refer to the committee for further discussion. Vice Chair Gutierrez concurred.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that there was a prior attempt to address this issue with a representative from the Legislature and the Department of Administration. She mentioned that it takes all three parties to come with the most viable solution to address this issue. She added that she is in support of the motion from Mr. Lujan.

The Board voted by roll call and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0 (Yeas: L.Benavente, M. Gutierrez, J.Lujan,R. McMinch, M. Mendiola, and L. San Nicolas) The motion passed.

Shannon Siguenza, teacher at Simon Sanchez High School, shared her concerns regarding the senators that decided to introduce Bill 70-34 to convert Simon Sanchez High School into a charter school.

Ken Orland, teacher at Simon Sanchez High School, voiced his concerns with regards to Bill 70-34 converting Simon Sanchez High School into a charter school. He mentioned that part of the frustration came from the sudden introduction of the bill, which was introduced without speaking to the SSHS community.

Vice Chair Gutierrez asked that, anyone interested in submitting their testimonies to email Leilani Cruz or the Superintendent of Education.

The Board took a break at 7:33 pm.
The Board went back in public session at 7:55 pm.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1) Minutes on March 28, 2017 Regular Board meeting

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that on page 2, line 50, to change "qualifies" to qualified".

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that on page 6, line 275, to add "need" in between "students" and "a".

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned on that page 8, line 360, to change "their" to "they're".

Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the minutes of March 28, 2017 Regular Board meeting subject to corrections. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

V. Receipt of Communication and Reports

1) Superintendent's Report and Communication

In addition to his written report to the Board, the Superintendent provided highlights and updates.

Spring Break Tragedies- He informed the Board of two students who passed away during spring break: Jake Gombar, sophomore at JFK High School, and Joey Topasna, senior at Southern High School. Schools provided counseling to employees and students. Information on memorial services and other arrangements would be provided to Board members.

US DOE Technical Assistance Visit- Superintendent Fernandez led the team from GDOE, including Federal Programs, Curriculum, Financial and Assessment representatives to meet with US DOE officials in Washington DC from April 2-5, 2017. They met with the USDOE Acting Assistant Secretary, Monique Chisolm; Director, Office of School Support and Rural Programs, Dr. Lisa Ramirez; program staff for the insular areas; and other key partners at US DOE. The application for

the coming grant year for US DOE Federal Funds is due on May 16, 2017. This year, under the new Every Student Succeeds Act, Guam has chosen to consolidate its funding under Title V-B, Rural and Low-Income Schools, which provides the maximum flexibility for Guam. Until a federal budget is passed, they will not know the exact amount of the grant, but they are working with a $25 million estimate based on previous years.

FY 2016 Financial and Single Audit- Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that, by the next Board meeting, he hopes to provide favorable news regarding the FY 2016 audit being prepared by Deloitte, the external auditor. He further mentioned that if GDOE can sustain the progress in terms of receiving a clean opinion and limiting the findings and questioned costs, they will be well positioned in their discussions with US DOE regarding the high-risk status and special conditions.

Simon Sanchez High School News- Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that a town hall meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 6 pm at Simon Sanchez High School. He acknowledged that the some Board members did a walk through the school and identified a number of issues. He mentioned further that he looks forward to the Board's guidance on how best to use GDOE resources.

Civil Rights Training - Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that the Western Equity Assistance Center (based in Denver, CO) was on island to conduct Civil Rights training, inclusive of Title IX, at the Westin Hotel. Training will be held every day from 8-5 pm. This is a Train the Trainer opportunity, which means the Department will be able to provide in-house training going forward.

Special Education Parent Forum- Superintendent Fernandez announced that the 2nd Special Education Parent Forum would be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Carbullido Elementary School. The forum is intended to determine next steps and action plans based on the concerns raised during the last forum.

Teacher of the Year Gala (TOY) - Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that this is the annual recognition of semi-finalists, finalists and the Teacher of the Year, who will represent Guam as the "National Teacher of the Year". The TOY gala that is hosted by the Foundation of Public Education and will take place on April 27, 2017, 6 pm, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

GDOE Job Fair- Superintendent Fernandez announced that the annual job fair will take place on Friday, June 23, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Adacao Elementary School. Interested applicants should attend to find out about job openings in the department, fill out an application and go through interviews with school and division officials.

Board Questions and Concerns:

Vice Chair Gutierrez asked the Board members to kindly email Superintendent Fernandez should they have any questions or concerns in regards to the highlights that was provided to the Board.

She mentioned that she has several questions under Special Education and will email her questions

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Mr. Mendiola, to accept the Superintendent's Report and Communication as presented. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

2) Head Start Program Director's Report

Mrs. Schroeder requested for approval of the Selection Criteria and Ongoing Assessment SOP. She further mentioned that the Guam Head Start Policy Council reviewed and approved the selection criteria for the program. There were no changes from last year. She added that they practiced the assessment procedure to see on how well it would work.

Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to accept the Head Start Program Director's Report as a result in Mrs. Schroeder's participation at the Region IX conference. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

VI. Unfinished Business

1) Approval of the Pilot Work Skills Development Courses

Ms. Eloise Sanchez, School Program Consultant with the Curriculum and Instruction, was present for the department. Vice Chair Gutierrez reported that she was very impressed with presentation of the two teachers who attended the work session that was held on April 6, 2017. She commended them for putting in all the time and work into these courses. She was happy to see that when they came to the online part, they tried to make sure these students had access even when they were absent.

Mr. Lujan commented that this course was a profound program developed by the two teachers at John F. Kennedy High School. He mentioned that this program was versatile because it is applicable to other disciplines or subject areas in school. He recommended for each school to look into this program and monitor how it progresses because it may be a missing link to some of the answers in getting students to move in the direction that society wants them to move pertaining to the work place.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente to approve the Pilot Work Skills Development Courses at JFKHS. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

VII. New Business

1) NASBE 2017 New Member Institute

Vice Chair Gutierrez mentioned that every year NASBE has their "New Member Institute" conference. This year, the dates changed to June 9 & 10, 2017, and it is only for a day and a half. She further mentioned that two of our Board members have expressed that they would like to participate in this conference. She added that in the past for this conference, NASBE would cover 100% of the conference but because of funding situation, they're only paying $500 each for travel; hotel and registration is covered by NASBE. There are three new Board

members Dr. Ronald McNinch, Mr. James Lujan, and Mr. Mark Mendiola. Mr. Mendiola will not be able to attend due prior engagement.

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that soon to arrive is Mr. Robert Crisostomo. Will the Board afford him the opportunity to attend the conference?

Vice Chair Gutierrez responded that the Board hasn't considered that because they weren't sure of the situation with Mr. Crisostomo. NASBE is only allowing two Board members to attend and anything after that an extra Board member the Board will have to cover the whole cost.

Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Mr. Mendiola to approve the participation for James Lujan and Dr. Ronald McNinch to attend the 2017 New Member Institute in Arlington, VA. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

2) GEB response to Declaration of Financial Status Designation for December 2016 and January 2017

Mr. Mendiola reported that every year there is a Corrective Financial Recovery Plan that needs to be prepared in response to the Code C-watch and the resolution that was prepared is to give a report by resolution with respect of the opposition on code c-watch.

He mentioned that there is a resolution 2017-06 in the board packet. He further mentioned that this is part of the requirements that needs to be submitted to Department of Administration (DOA).

Mr. Mendiola to moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan to approve the resolution 2017-06 Relative to approving the corrective financial recovery plan prepared in response to the Code C-watch used by the GDOE Education Financial Supervisory Commission for the months of December 2016 and January 2017. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

3) Committee Reports
   a) Executive Committee- None
   b) Instructional and Academic Support Committee-
      - Jury Duty for Students- Dr. McNinch mentioned that he would like to discuss this further with the sub-committee.
   c) Safe and Healthy Schools Committee -- Vice Chair mentioned she hopes that Board Policy 409 and the SOP is updated. She commented that she is aware that the SOP for Board Policy 409 is being amended because of the revision of Board Policy 409. Superintendent Fernandez responded that the SOP is printed in draft form and is getting final comments on internal stakeholders. He will present it to the Board once all is completed.
   d) Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee-
      Vice Chair Gutierrez mentioned that the Board is waiting for the organizational chart so that the Board can go over and review it. She further

mentioned that Senator San Agustin is requesting the document to be included in the amended budget.

e) Accreditation Subcommittee-

Ms. San Nicolas commented on behalf of the board, she expressed her profound gratitude to all the schools and there are still some schools that have yet to go through the accreditation process. She mentioned that tomorrow, Simon Sanchez High School would undergo its mid-term visit. She acknowledged that there has been a lot of hard work out in the schools and all schools are to be commended for their hard work. She mentioned that she had to opportunity to join Chairman Ada and Mr. Lujan for Upi Elementary School. She further mentioned that the meeting with the Visiting Committee highlighted that one of the requirements of the accreditation self-study is that all the stakeholders must be involved with the process.

Vice Chair Gutierrez congratulated all the schools that just had their accreditation and wished good luck to Simon Sanchez High School.

f) Budget & Finance Subcommittee-

Mr. Mendiola reported that they had the town hall meeting with the Legislature on April 12, 2017, and the Board had a chance to dialog with the Legislature in regards to the current budget status and also with the 2018 budget submission. Another work session will be scheduled with the Budget and Finance committee. He mentioned that there were some recommendations from the Chairman of Education and he would like to continue the dialogue. He added that the Legislature wants greater detail in support of the Board resolution. He also mentioned that in the next budget and finance committee meeting, they will addressing some of the concerns that the Chairman of education raised.

Mr. Lujan mentioned that he was present at the town hall meeting and Senator San Agustin elaborated on details of the 14 points and how it relates to the classrooms. He commented that they should separate central's budget versus the schools entirely. He continued to express his concerns.

4) IBOGS Report- Vice Chair Gutierrez reported that the chairwoman of the IBOGS Cyndal Abad wasn't able to attend the Board meeting. John Olandez, IBOGS representative from Okkodo High School sat in on her behalf.

John Olandez reported that before spring break, Deputy Chris Anderson sent out a press Release regarding the "IBOGS seminar" which was originally scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017 and was postponed to Saturday, May 13, 2017. He mentioned that each school is still invited to attend with 20 students from every high school, and registration is still ongoing. Student exchange is also currently scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017.

Vice Chair Gutierrez mentioned that on the Board she assist with IBOGS with the Superintendent and Mr. Joe Sanchez. She further mentioned that the IBOGS this year have been working really hard and they wanted fulfill something that they saw from last year and that's the student conference but now they want to change their title to "Seminar" and their theme is "Vision: See the vision, Know the vision, Be the vision."

Mr. Mendiola donated $100.00 towards the event. Superintendent also donated $100.00 as well to the student's seminar.

5) GFT Report –Mr. Perez announced that he will be stepping down as the GFT Representative. He thanked the Board and the Superintendent of Education. Dr. McNinch asked the Board to recognize, by acclamation, Mr. Perez's service to the Board. Board members stood and applauded for Mr. Perez.

6) Mayor's Council Report- Mayor Matanane asked for a moment of silence for those two students who passed away. He further encouraged stakeholders to attend the May 2, 2017, town hall meeting on Bill 70-34.

VIII. Executive Session- None

IX. Announcements and Adjournment

Vice Chair Gutierrez announced that it was Mr. Mark Mendiola's last official day, but he was reappointed by Governor Calvo to continue as a representative for the parents on the Board. She mentioned that his confirmation hearing is on Thursday, April 20, 2017, 9 am.

Vice Chair Gutierrez announced that the next meeting will be held at Chief Brodie Elementary School.

Mr. Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

LEILANI M. B. CRUZ
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Date: 6/09/17

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