

Mueller complained about characterization of Russia investigation

WASHINGTON (Los Angeles Times) - Special counsel Robert S. Mueller III complained to Attorney General William Barr that Barr's initial letter to Congress about the Russia investigation did not "fully capture the context, nature and substance of this office's work and conclusions," a Justice Department official said Tuesday.

Mueller also wrote that Barr's four-page letter on March 24, two days after Mueller had filed his final report, sowed "public confusion about critical aspects of the results of our investigation," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the internal debate.

The special counsel's protest, filed in a letter to Barr on March 27, reflects clear tension between the special counsel and the attorney general over Barr's handling of Mueller's 448-page report into Russia's interference in the 2016 election and potential obstruction of justice by President Donald Trump.

The existence of Mueller's letter was first reported by The Washington Post.

Barr is expected to be grilled

Wednesday by Democrats at a hearing before the Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee that will delve into his handling of Mueller's report, as well as the attorney general's conclusion that Trump did not obstruct justice.

Barr is also sure to be questioned about his comments at an April 18 news conference that put Trump's actions in a favorable light.

When he received Mueller's letter on March 27, Barr spoke to Mueller by phone, according to Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec.

"In a cordial and professional conversation, the special counsel emphasized that nothing in the attorney general's March 24 letter was inaccurate or misleading," Kupec said in a statement. "But, he expressed frustration over the lack of context and the resulting media coverage regarding the special counsel's obstruction analysis."

Mueller sought to convince the attorney general to release portions of the report so the public could understand the special counsel's reasoning. But Barr declined, saying it would be better to release the entire redacted



MUELLER: Special counsel Robert Mueller walks past the White House after attending St. John's Episcopal Church for morning services on April 21. *Cliff Owen/Minneapolis Star Tribune/Tribune News Service*

report, not put it out in piecemeal fashion.

In Barr's earlier letter to Congress, he said Mueller "did not find that the Trump campaign, or anyone associated with it, conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in" its efforts to stoke division over social media or to hack Democratic computers and release troves of internal documents and emails.

He also wrote that Mueller's report did not conclude that the president had committed a crime related to obstructing federal investigators but it also hadn't exonerated him of those allegations.

However, Barr wrote, he had made a determination "that the evidence developed during the special counsel's investigation is not sufficient to establish that the president committed an obstruction-of-justice offense."

The letter did not disclose that

Mueller had concluded that the Trump campaign "expected to benefit" from the emails stolen from Democrats. The special counsel also laid out "substantial evidence" of multiple instances when Trump acted with the intent of constraining or undermining the investigation then underway.

In his report, Mueller did not conclude whether Trump had committed the crime of obstructing justice, noting that Justice Department guidelines bar sitting presidents from facing charges. However, he wrote, the special counsel would not be precluded from saying Trump was innocent of such allegations.

"If we had confidence after a thorough investigation of the facts that the president clearly did not commit obstruction of justice, we would so state," he wrote. "Based on the facts and the applicable legal standards, however, we are unable to reach that judgment."

19-year-old pleads not guilty in synagogue shooting

SAN DIEGO (Reuters) - A 19-year-old man accused of killing one worshipper and wounding three others in a shooting spree in a California synagogue pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to murder and attempted-murder charges in an attack prosecutors are treating as a hate crime.

John Earnest, arrested shortly after

Saturday's bloodshed at the Chabad of Poway synagogue north of San Diego, also pleaded not guilty to a single count of arson on a house of worship stemming from a nearby mosque that was set on fire in March.

Appearing behind a glass partition for his arraignment in San Diego County Superior Court on Tuesday

afternoon, Earnest stood expressionless and spoke faintly as he gave one-word answers to procedural questions put to him by the judge.

The lanky defendant - a nursing student enrolled at California State University at San Marcos - wore dark-rimmed glasses with his hair combed straight forward.

Ordering him to remain held without bail, Judge Joseph Brannigan said Earnest would pose "an obvious and extraordinary risk" to the public if he were to be released pending trial.

The proceeding was attended by

six Hasidic Jewish men who sat in the front row of the courtroom, dressed in the traditional dark garb of the Jewish ultra-Orthodox faithful.

Authorities said Earnest stalked into the Poway synagogue during Sabbath prayers on the last day of the weeklong Jewish Passover holiday and opened fire with an assault-style rifle, killing 60-year-old worshipper Lori Gilbert-Kaye.

Three others were wounded in the attack, including the rabbi, who was shot in the hand and lost an index finger.

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SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

Il Mina'trentai Singko na Lhaslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature

PUBLIC HEARING • 1:00 p.m. • Thursday, May 9, 2019
Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building, Hagåtña

AGENDA:

- 1:00 PM - Confirmation Hearing for Phyllis L. Leon Guerrero to serve as Director of the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID)
- 2:00 PM- Public Hearing for Bill 64-35 (COR)- Jose "Pedo" Terlaje- AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 64.70.1 TO 9 GCA RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE USE OF "BINGO CARD MINDERS" FOR ALL BINGO OPERATIONS UNDER 9 GCA § 64.70

If you require any special accommodations or for further information, please contact the Office of Senator Therese M. Terlaje at 472-3586. Testimonies may be submitted to our office at Ada Plaza Center, Suite 207, 173 Aspinall Avenue, Hagåtña, Guam 96910 to the Guam Congress Building, or via email at senatorterlaje@guam.gov.gu. The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Doconio Channel 117/60.4 and stream online via 1 Lhaslaturan Guåhan's live feed at http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm. This ad is paid for with government funds.

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Regular Session Meeting
on Monday, May 6, 2019, 9:00 AM
in the Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room,
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209 Hagåtña, Guam

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Micronesian groups join cleanup

Dozens of volunteers from various Micronesian organizations spent Saturday morning cleaning up trash illegally dumped along the Okkodo pipeline from Artero Drive to Chalan Kareta in Dededo.

Among the groups that took part were the Chuuk Association of Guam, the FSM Association of Guam, Foeni Achocho Senu, the Weno Association of Guam, ECC Association of Guam, the University of Guam Chuukese Student Association, and the Iron Wood Kids.

FSM Consul General Theresa Filipin took part, along with FSM Association of Guam President Cassanova Nakamura.

Sen. Clynt Ridgell and his staff organized the cleanup. He plans to make them a regular part of his office's effort to combat illegal dumping on island.

(Daily Post Staff)



PITCHING IN: Volunteers pick up trash Saturday morning in Dededo. Photo courtesy Sen. Clynt Ridgell

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26, was charged with theft by receiving and violation of a court order.

On Thursday, police issued a call-out to the community to help locate the pair, along with William Garnafing Yamnang, 36.



William Garnafing Yamnang

Investigators said the trio were wanted for questioning following a rash of robberies and thefts, and are considered armed and dangerous.

Police have yet to release any details about the two who were captured.

It's unclear if police have leads on Yamnang, also known as Billy Yam Yam. His last known address is Jose Sudo Street in Yona but he is known to frequent Merizo, police stated.

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law enforcement agency to undergo a tactical tracking level. It enhances their capabilities," said DOC Deputy Director Joey Terlaje. "If an individual was to run away from law enforcement, their goal is to track the individual down and make the apprehension."

Hewasoneofthetraininginstructors. "When you look at tactical tracking, it's very universal. It could not only be used for making the apprehension but also search and rescue," he said. "They are able to rely and count on each other in working together. I feel Guam is 12 more officers safer in as far as terrorist conduct and illegal immigrants."

Terlaje said the training helped him during the early part of his 25-year law enforcement career. He recalled using the skill to track down illegal immigrants on Guam who were on the run from authorities in the early 1990s.

"We had an influx of illegal immigrants into our island. I was down in Umatac and I came across a police officer who just apprehended four Chinese illegal immigrants and I just stumbled across the guys on the road. I got down and I checked with the officer if he needed assistance," he said. "He told me there was five immigrants that are still at large and ran. When he pointed it out, I looked at the tracks and the trail. It's because of my training, we were later able to apprehend the five illegal immigrants that were at large."

It's training done to save lives that he said came at no cost to the department. "I was excited. At DOC, with the shortage of manpower, it's hard to be shorted out for training, so when they said I was selected I jumped on it," said corrections officer 1 Jaerica Sanchez. "Without the tactical tracking skills and training, I wouldn't know what to look for or how to make that apprehension as quick as we did."

Terlaje said the plan is to offer this training to others in law enforcement.

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looking at situations where children end up as wards of the state.

"We work closely with agencies when there's an arrest made and that person is the primary caregiver for the kids in the home," Tapao said. "We work with (Child Protective Services) and other agencies and community organizations to make sure the kids have a safe place to go."

Tapao said the first choice is always other family members. However, he has seen where the closest family member simply can't take care of another child — or children — in addition to their own.

"Unfortunately, we sometimes reach out to a brother or sister and there's either hesitation or they just come out and say they can't take these kids in 'cause they can't afford it. ... That's a legitimate concern," he said.

In other instances, the closest family member is someone known to have a substance abuse problem and officials can't be certain the person is able to provide for the kids.

"That's when we reach out and let

CPS know — and they have no choice but to try to place them in a shelter or some other care," Tapao said.

"As long as there are crimes being committed and drugs on the street ... our kids end up victims — no matter how you look at it," he said.

Where they go

The increasing number of foster children without a corresponding increase in licensed foster homes means the popular political phrase of "it takes a village" has to be practiced.

The Alee Shelter can take up to 12 children and it is usually full, Iwashita said.

Altogether, there are 21 children in group homes, including the Alee Shelter and Sanctuary Inc.

There are 52 in licensed foster homes.

There are 60 children who remain with their parents.

There are 101 children with relatives. "And the rest are with nonrelatives, like friends of families. Some are in treatment facilities, mental facilities, and some are in the Department of Youth Affairs," she said.

Become a foster parent

Iwashita said while these group homes and shelters do help and

provide a lot of much-needed support for Guam's kids, officials are always ready to welcome foster parents.

Officials have tried to ease the requirements that ultimately have made the process cumbersome. While most people understand the need for scrutiny, there's a concern that the process has become so arduous it's caused people to hesitate or outright change their minds about becoming foster parents.

Iwashita said she tries to work with families as efficiently as possible and get all of the paperwork done in about two months. Unfortunately, that might take longer in some instances, including families who live off island. She has to work with the government offices in those jurisdictions to get the clearances and other documents necessary, which could add at least a couple of weeks to the process.

What many people don't know, she said, is that there are different types of foster parenting, including those who take children just for a few days out of the week, helping during the summer months or able to do emergency foster care for a few days at a time.



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