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fleeing toward the rear side of the bakery.

Cash and checks

A manager at the bakery, Hanzel Morato, said one of the bakery's employees was carrying the cash and checks for deposit in a bank. He was not sure of the amount of money that was taken.

Tapao stated the bakery employee was "fearful for his safety," and surrendered the money bag to the suspect.

Store clerk Jennica Mesa said it was about 10:30 a.m. when her co-worker left through the front door of the Barrigada store with the money bag. But the employee soon came back inside and said, "I just got jumped."

How to help

Anyone who might have seen the blue Toyota leaving the scene around 10:30 a.m. is urged to call Guam Police Department investigators at 472-8911

Anyone with information on the robbery can submit information anonymously by calling Guam Crimestoppers at 477-HELP

The bakery's surveillance camera showed a time stamp of 10:32 a.m. when the car was seen driving away. A person was seen getting out of the car toward the front entrance of the bakery and then running back to the car before it drove away.

When she asked the co-worker who did it, he said, "two guys ... they took the bag."



SCENE: The parking lot of the Crown Bakery along Route 10 Barrigada was the scene of a reported robbery on Monday morning. Norman M. Taruc/The Guam Daily Post

Suspect, vehicle description

Tapao described one of the robbery suspects as being "possibly CHamoru, having a full beard, and he was last seen wearing a red long-

sleeved shirt."

The vehicle is described as a light blue, older model, two-door Toyota Paseo with a sunroof and spoiler.

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company argues its license is valid and should be grandfathered in. However, the Supreme Court of Guam has ruled that the license agreement is unenforceable.

In 2015 it was thought that the parties had reached an agreement in which GEDA would submit legislation excluding GRRP from the ban and allowing the project to move forward. The agreement stalled.

In November 2017 GRRP sought an order from the court to enforce the 2015 agreement and the case had been headed to trial until Monday.

"We'll set a mediation board with Mr. Thompson" said Aguigui. Attorney Todd Thompson served as mediator the first time it was attempted five years ago.

"We agree," Fisher said on behalf of GEDA. Miller gave her consent as well.

Meeting

However, before the second attempt at mediation begins, Aguigui told the court that he, Fisher and

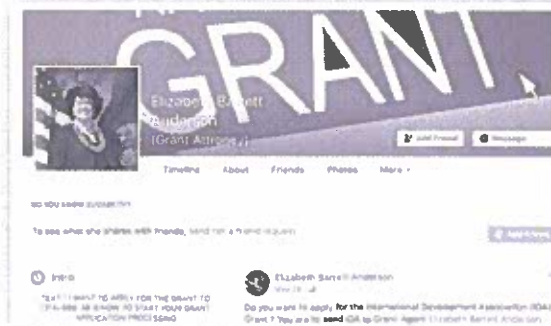


LANDFILL: A bulldozer and a compactor are serviced at the Layon landfill in May 2017. Guam Resource Recovery Partners, the Guam Economic Development Authority and the governor's office have agreed to a second round of mediation in GRRP's bid to build a waste-to-energy plant. Post file photo

Miller would meet.

"If we can avert the need for mediation, and resolve everything, we won't have to go forward with the formal mediation proceedings," Aguigui said.

Judge Lamorena has set a status hearing for 2 p.m. Oct. 1, to see what progress has been made.



FAKE: The bogus Facebook page that lifted the Guam attorney general's photo and name. Image via Facebook

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wasn't enough of a red flag, the bogus social media account describes Barrett-Anderson, whose real job includes warning consumers to be wary of fraud, as a "grant attorney." The page also misspells attorney as "attorney."

"If you wish there were grants to pay bills then continue reading," so goes part of the pitch on the fake social media account.

The Facebook page also used one of the U.S. Small Business Adminis-

tration Guam Branch's photos from an awards ceremony.

It further falsely described Guam's attorney general as employed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Commenters include people who warn others that the Facebook page is a scam, while one poster claimed having paid \$2,000.

The Guam AG's office has been warning people to be wary of offers that are too good to be true.

Barrett-Anderson was not immediately available for comment Monday. (Daily Post Staff)

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PUBLIC NOTICE - PUBLIC COMMENTING PERIOD

Solid Waste Recycling Facility Renewal Permit

Public Review and Comment Period: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 to Friday, Sept. 7, 2018

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) wishes to notify the general public and other interested parties of Guam EPA's intent to issue a Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Permits to Guam Solid Waste Authority. The Permits and their conditions are proposed and open for public comment pursuant to 10 Guam Code Annotated Section 51104.

Guam EPA has received an application from the following company for the following Solid Waste Facilities:

Applicant: Pyramid Recycling Facility type: Storage & Processing - Scrap Metals, Plastics (PET1 & HDPE 2), and Batteries Location: Taitano Rd & Pangelinas Blas Ln. Harmon Industrial Park, Tamuning, GU

Written comments may be hand delivered to Guam EPA's main office at 17-3304 Mariner Ave, Tiyán, or mailed to the address below. Comments must be received by Guam EPA or post marked no later than 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 7, 2018. No fax submittals will be accepted.

Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency 17-3304 Mariner Ave, Tiyán Barrigada, Guam 96921

The final decision to set conditions and issue the final permits or deny application for the permits will be decided after all comments have been considered. Please bring this information to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.

A copy of the proposed Permit and Permit Applications for the above applicant and all other supporting documents are available for public inspection at the following location:

Guam EPA Main Office 17-3304 Mariner Avenue, Tiyán, Barrigada Phone Number: (671) 300-4751/52/53 Hours: Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Contact: Glenn San Nicolas



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School officials weigh in on budget

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There is currently no discussion about furloughs at the Guam Department of Education nor will the department take the position that it would prioritize budget cuts, according to Guam Education Board Chairman Mark Mendiola.

"I'm saying you tell us how much money you're going to give us ... and we're going to come back to you and say yes or no. ... Speaker Benjamin Cruz is well aware of that. We met with him before we left for Washington, D.C., and I shared with him my sentiments," Mendiola said during a news conference Wednesday.

The chairman had stern words for lawmakers who earlier voted by majority to repeal a sales tax partially intended as a dedicated funding source for GDOE. GovGuam now faces a looming budget shortfall come next fiscal year that might be mitigated through another tax increase.

"If you want a good education system, you got to support it," Mendiola said. "The Legislature needs to

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- Mark Mendiola, chairman, Guam Education Board

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Superintendent Jon Fernandez submitted GDOE's testimony on Bills 237-34 and 323-34 after missing the public hearing last week due to meetings with federal education officials.

The two budget bills promise different levels of funding and cost-cutting for GovGuam in fiscal year 2019.

Bill 323 includes a business privilege

tax hike intended to soften the austerity measures while its sister legislation contains no revenue enhancement provisions and proposes millions in spending cuts.

Cruz, chairman of the committee on appropriations, dubbed Bill 323 and 237 the "responsible" and "reckless" bills, respectively.

But regardless of the measure enacted, GDOE would still suffer a reduction in funding compared with fiscal 2018.

The department is throwing its support behind Bill 323, which would lead to a 5 percent or \$13 million reduction, but not without caveats.

Fernandez said he wanted to exempt teachers from a hiring freeze suggested in both bills. He also asked lawmakers to pass cost-containment and revenue-enhancing initiatives forwarded earlier in the year, when GovGuam faced a similar funding shortfall after the enactment of federal tax cuts.

A temporary increase to the BPT prevented additional cuts to the department at that time. But now, talk of government furloughs is resurfacing as the Legislature tackles next year's

government budget amid a projected \$145 million shortfall.

Mendiola, speaking with Fernandez on Wednesday, said GDOE was not prioritizing furloughs at this time.

"I'm not going to prioritize putting our staff on a fear watch. I understand the reality of it, but at this point in time, we got a job to do," he added.

Fernandez said GDOE would open schools on time, on Aug. 14.

Once the Legislature provides more clarity on next fiscal year's budget, then GDOE can inform senators of its next steps.

At issue is Guam's Adequate Education Act, which opens up appointed, elected and education officials to lawsuit if minimum education standards are not met, Fernandez said.

"The first thing we're going to have to do is whatever resources ... determine if we're able to meet those mandates and ensure we have the resources," he added.

Fernandez said GDOE has been open about its financial position and there should be no surprises about the impact budgets cuts would have on the department.

Airport seeks speedy resolution of Lotte contract

Attorneys for the A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority Guam on Wednesday filed a motion in the Guam Supreme Court to expedite the process to resolve its disputed retail concession contract with Lotte Duty Free.

Superior Court Judge Arthur Barcinas declared the contract in violation

of procurement law and declared the agreement void in a decision several months ago. The trial court's decision is now on appeal in the Supreme Court.

DFS Guam, which held the retail concession contract before Lotte, has sought to have the trial court's decision enforced.

"With this motion, we're asking that the Supreme Court expedite GIAA's appeal so that we can speedily resolve this litigation that has been so damaging to the financial standing of the airport," Genevieve Rapadas, legal counsel for the airport, stated in a news release Thursday.

"The drastic and unprecedented

order in February 2018 by the Superior Court voided a hugely successful \$154 million public contract and threatens to undermine the financial stability and integrity of the airport," Rapadas stated.

The airport is looking forward to Supreme Court review of the case, the agency added. (Daily Post Staff)

GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY

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INVITATION TO RE-BID

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The GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY will receive sealed bids for the **Outfall Effluent Diffuser Installation Project for Upgrade of the Northern District Wastewater Treatment Plant (NDWWTP) to Secondary Treatment (Re-Bid)**, GWA Project No. S18-002-OEA; OEA Grant OCO N676-16-02. Bids will be accepted until **3:00 pm, Chamorro Standard Time, Tuesday, September 11, 2018**, at the Gloria B. Nelson Public Service Building, 688 Route 15, Mangilao, GU 96913 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The contract time for the project is **395 calendar days** for the Base Bid portion of the work. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid amount. Bid security may be in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier check made payable to Guam Waterworks Authority.

A non-refundable amount of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) is required for the purchase price of every electronic copy (USB Flash Drive) of the bidding documents which will be available at the Engineering Division on or after **July 27, 2018**. Amendments will be available on GWA's website to download at no cost at the following address: <http://guamwaterworks.org/bids/>. Vendors should also routinely check for updates on the website as well as for emails from GWA notifying vendors about changes in bid status or providing responses to queries. The Guam Waterworks Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid that is in the best interest of the Authority.

A Pre-Bid conference has been scheduled at **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2018**. All bidders are requested to be present. All questions or clarifications must be submitted in writing on or before the pre-bid conference date.

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