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# Ex-DOC officer charged with kidnapping to take plea deal

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A deal was reached the same day former Department of Corrections officer Darren Jared Carandang Cruz was set to go to trial in the Superior Court of Guam.

Cruz was charged in connection with a Yona home invasion and kidnapping reported in 2016.

Jury selection for the trial was set

to begin in Judge Michael Bordallo's courtroom on Monday morning, however, the trial was canceled because Cruz decided to take the government's plea deal.

Details of this latest plea agreement have not been disclosed. Post files state Cruz



**Darren Jared Carandang Cruz**

declined an earlier plea deal.

A copy of the most recent agreement was not filed with the court following Monday's hearing.

Cruz is expected back in court for a change-of-plea hearing on Aug. 22.

Cruz had worked at the Department of Corrections for about a year prior to the incident.

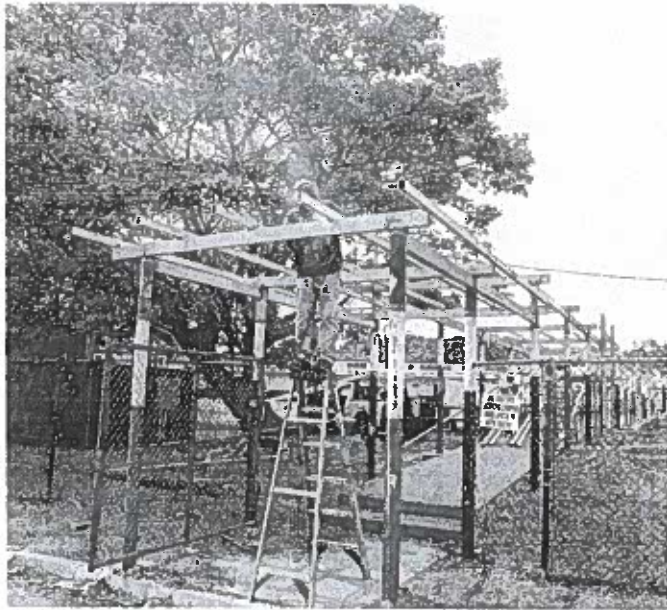
## October 2016 incident

Cruz was accused of forcing a man and woman known to him into

an abandoned mansion in Yona at knife-point one evening. Once there, Cruz physically assaulted the man, court documents state.

Court files allege that after the assault, Cruz walked the pair back to their residence and told the two that he had a sick mind. According to Post files, Cruz also told the man he did not trust him and that if he went to the police, Cruz would kill him and his parents.

## School canopy replacements to be completed in September



**COVERING WALKWAYS:** A welder works on a canopy project at Agueda Johnston Middle School in Chalan Pago on Monday, the day before the first day of school for Guam Department of Education. The project, funded by the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs, includes two other schools - Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School and Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School - and totals a little more than \$1.5 million. The projects were supposed to be completed before the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Officials on Monday said the projects will be completed in September.

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## Former Boy Scout says he witnessed abuse

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A former Boy Scout says he was ordered to swim naked during Boy Scout outings in the late 1960s and witnessed a priest, who also was a scoutmaster, sexually abuse other scouts.

B.Q.V., who is using his initials to protect his identity, filed a civil complaint against the Capuchin Franciscans and the Boy Scouts of America, alleging he was subjected to the sexually predatory practices of the late Louis Brouillard when he served as a priest and scoutmaster on Guam.

B.Q.V. attended church in Mangilao and was a Boy Scout when he was 10 years old.

He recalled visiting the Lonfit River

four or five times a month during Boy Scout outings over three years.

"On numerous occasions, too many to count, B.Q.V. witnessed Brouillard fondle the genitals of the other Boy Scouts," the lawsuit states.

B.Q.V. says he was able to pull away from Brouillard when he attempted to abuse him.

While he enjoyed being in the Boy Scouts to earn badges for camping, cooking, hiking, swimming and weaving coconut leaves, B.Q.V. says that when he saw Brouillard abusing the other boys, he sensed that it was wrong, and it was one of the reasons he left the Scouts.

The plaintiff's attorney, Michael Berman, alleges the Franciscans and Boy Scouts violated the trust and confidence placed in them and negligently continued to retain Brouillard as a priest and scoutmaster, enabling him to continue engaging in sexually abusive and predatory behavior, court documents state.

The lawsuit seeks \$5 million in damages.

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# 22 years later, Korean Air crash victim remembered

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Ina Lee and her older brother Kwi Young Cho promised each other as children that they would live long lives and be there for their children - their father had died when Lee was 2 years old and they didn't want their children to grow up without them the way they grew up without their dad.

They came from a poor family in Korea with eight children and moved to Guam when Lee was in the Sixth grade.

Sadly, it was a promise they were not able to keep.

Cho was a passenger on Korea Air Flight 801 which crashed on Nimitz Hill in Asan exactly 22 years ago this past Tuesday on Aug. 2. Of the 254 people on board, 228 were killed. Cho was among them.

"We did not find his body," Lee recalled.

Her brother was 29 years old at the time, working as a manager for Seoul Regency Hotel in Tumon. His wife and two young children ages 8 months and 1 year old at the time were supposed to join him on the flight but it was overbooked, and Cho boarded the plane without his family.

Lee and her brother and his family had been in Korea on vacation. She returned just one day before him. In 1997, the year of the crash, Lee was working for Korea Air as a passenger service supervisor.

"Suddenly tragedy happened," she said. "The flight was supposed to be in at 1:15 and we knew that my brother was on board, so we were waiting for him. But the tower called (and said) that the plane crashed," Lee said.

Every year Lee and other families

visit a memorial at Nimitz Hill to pay their respects and remember their loved ones.

"It's been 22 years, but I still have to cry," Lee said. "He was a very, very sweet brother,"

Lee said her brother taught her not to focus on the unimportant details of life.

"Take it as it is and let it go. Life is life, take it as it is, he would say," she recalled.

It's a lesson Lee holds with her to this day.

She said she feels close to him when she visits the memorial site and still speaks to him.

"I tell him your wife and kids are doing very well. You don't have to worry," she said.

Twenty-six Guam passengers also perished in the flight and Lee said she hopes all of those who were lost will



**BROTHER:** Ina Lee visits the site of memorial for the victims of Korea Air Flight 801. Her brother, Kwi Young Cho, was one of the 228 people on board who died in the crash on Aug. 6, 1997. Lee and other families of the victims visit the site each year to pay their respects.  
Photo courtesy of the Lee family

continue to live on in the hearts of their loved ones.

"I would like to ask our Guam community to remember even if it not their immediate family," she said

## China: Missile deployment to region would be 'very dangerous'

By Kevin Kerrigan  
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The director general of the arms control department at China's foreign ministry said Beijing "will not stand idly by" and watch the United States base missiles in Asia.

Fu Cong told reporters in Beijing on Tuesday that if the U.S. deploys missiles in this part of the world, at China's doorstep, China will be forced to take countermeasures, according to a report from the Reuters news agency.

Fu was responding to U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper, who on Saturday in Washington, D.C., said he was in favor of "placing ground-launched, intermediate-range missiles in the region soon, possibly within months," states the Reuters report.

Esper did not say where the U.S. would deploy an intermediate-range missile system, but the French Press Agency reports that experts believe the most likely location is on Guam.

When asked about Guam during Tuesday's press briefing in Beijing, AFP reports that Fu said any deployment in Guam would be viewed as "a very provocative action on the part of the U.S. and it can be very dangerous."

Fu said it was important to recognize that the U.S. is proposing to install the weapons at China's "doorstep."

He referred to the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, which brought the U.S. and the Soviet Union to the brink of nuclear war, saying, "I think the Ameri-

can people should understand China's feelings," states the AFP report.

Last week, the U.S. formally pulled out of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty with the former Soviet Union that banned ground-launched nuclear and conventional ballistic and cruise missiles with ranges of up to 3,400 miles.

The withdrawal also allows the Pentagon to develop new weapons to counter China, which boasts an increasingly sophisticated land-based missile force, reports Reuters.

In April, Adm. Phil Davidson, commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, asked Congress for additional funding to create a new ballistic missile defense installation on Guam, according to a report in the United States Naval Institute News.

On Monday, Australia's Defense Minister Linda Reynolds ruled out the possibility of the U.S. deploying midrange missiles in Australia.

## Mail theft plea agreement unsealed

The government's case against a former forklift operator accused of stealing mail at a cargo facility was unsealed in the District Court of Guam on Tuesday.

George T. Quichocho signed a plea agreement on June 1, 2018, admitting to theft of mail while he was employed with Unlimited Services Group as a forklift operator.

Quichocho met with the U.S. Postal Service inspector on March 10, 2017, about theft that was occurring at the United Airlines Air Cargo Facility.

During the interview, Quichocho said he was a forklift operator for Unlimited Services Group and came into contact with the mail when his co-workers processed the mail.

According to the plea agreement, Quichocho admitted to stealing two boxes of currency coins and converting it to \$1,500 at a local bank. He also told authorities he stole a Shindaiwa bushcutter, a scooter, a generator, a DeWalt drill, two televisions and games.

Quichocho said he made \$7,000 from the sale of the items he had stolen from the mail and could not recover any of the items that he stole.

He has been cooperating with authorities since his plea deal.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Nov. 4. (Daily Post Staff)

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