

Meth dealer, 61, sentenced



DEFENDANT: Anita Cruz, 61, arrives at the District Court of Guam during a hearing on May 15, 2017. David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

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Anita A. Cruz, a defendant in a 2013 drug distribution case, was sentenced to 30 months with credit for time served during a hearing in the District Court of Guam on Wednesday.

Designated Chief Judge Ramona Mangloa recommended that the defendant be placed under supervised release for three years upon release from prison.

The court also recommended that the defendant be incarcerated in a women's facility in Phoenix, Arizona. The court allowed the defendant to participate in an intensive drug treatment program and a vocational training and educational program.

In court, Assistant U.S. Attorney Belinda Alcantara said the government concurs with the probation office's recommended sentence of 30 months.

The defendant was 60 when she pleaded guilty in 2017.

Attorney Curtis Van de Veld, who represents Cruz, said she

has admitted to the violation and is taking responsibility for her actions. Van de Veld said the sentence is fair.

When asked to speak before the court, Cruz apologized for her actions.

Three transactions

Cruz had pleaded guilty to distributing methamphetamine in three transactions.

According to court documents, on May 31, 2013, the Guam Police Department made a traffic stop and recovered 2.7 grams of the drug "ice" from an unnamed man, who said he had purchased the methamphetamine from "Annie Cruz" and was making a delivery for her.

Later identified as Anita Cruz, the individual agreed to make a police-monitored phone call to Cruz to arrange for the sale of her drugs. According to court documents, the two monitored purchases were for 2.7 grams of meth for approximately \$550 per gram, and 3.58 grams for approximately \$1,650. Both transactions were made in June 2013.

Man accused of assault with hammer

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A 24-year-old man is accused of throwing a hammer at a woman on Tuesday.

John DeGuzman faces one charge of assault as a misdemeanor after an altercation in Mangilao.

Guam Police Department officers responded to a complaint around 9 a.m. in the central village, after a woman reported that DeGuzman was at her residence yelling at her.

The woman told police that DeGuzman left the residence, but later came back brandishing a hammer. According to court documents, DeGuzman said he would "beat her and crack her head."

When the woman asked DeGuzman to drop the hammer, he threw it toward the victim, which missed her, the court documents filed by the prosecution state.

Police located DeGuzman and conducted an interview. Court documents state DeGuzman said he "didn't like" what the woman was saying to him, so he threw a hammer at her.

He was subsequently arrested.

Guam receives award at Manila expo

Guam recently brought home the award for Best Booth Performance at the 25th Philippine Travel Agencies Association Travel Tour Expo, held Feb. 9 to 11 at the SMX Convention Center in Manila.

"The Philippines is important to us in our efforts to grow and diversify our visitor markets, as well as our (meetings, incentives, conventions and expo) market," said Guam Visitors Bureau President Nathan Denight.

The three-day event welcomed an estimated 125,000 consumers, 333 exhibitors and sponsors and occupied 995 booths, GVB stated. Guam has attended this annual event for more than 10 years since its inception in 1994 and was one of 21 tourism organizations present.

The Guam booth offered entertainment from island music icons Jesse and Ruby, as well as the Guam Håfa A dai Cultural Show and appearances from

Miss Guam Earth 2017 Emma Sheedy. The booth traffic for Guam was estimated at 2,000 per day with three interactive stations, which included a virtual reality room to provide consumers with a virtual experience of Guam, GVB stated.

In addition to the three-day consumer show, the Guam delegation promoted the Visit Guam 2018 campaign theme #InstaGuam to 45 travel agents prior to the first day of the expo during a



EXPO: The Guam booth at the Philippine Travel Agencies Association Travel Tour Expo, held Feb. 9 to 11 at the SMX Convention Center in Manila. Photo courtesy of the Guam Visitors Bureau

Guam travel trade luncheon on Feb. 7. "We are very proud to bring the hafa adai spirit to the Philippines and share our #InstaGuam theme to encourage more travel to Guam," said GVB Director of Global Marketing Pilar Laguna. (Daily Post Staff)



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GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHARMACY

Regular Session Meeting, Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:30 AM at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Hagatna, Guam.

For more information please contact the Board office at 735-7405 thru 12. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call Jimmy Sian at 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the Hearing/Speech Impaired (TDD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called

US officials defend Trump-Kim meeting

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. officials on Sunday defended President Donald Trump's decision to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, saying the move was not just for show and not a gift to Pyongyang.

"President Trump isn't doing this for theater. He's going to solve a problem," said Central Intelligence Agency Director Mike Pompeo on the "Fox News Sunday" program.

The United States expects North Korea to halt all nuclear and missile testing in advance of any meeting, Pompeo and Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said on Sunday news shows.

The goal of the meeting remains denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, something Kim has agreed to discuss, they said. Pompeo said U.S. military exercises in the region would continue in the lead-up to the talks.

The Republican president agreed on Thursday to accept an invitation from the North Korean leader to meet by May after months of escalating tensions over Pyongyang's advancing nuclear and missile programs.

Trump would become the first sitting U.S. president to meet with a leader of the reclusive country. The two men would face each other after a public volley of insults, with Trump calling Kim "Little Rocket Man" and Kim referring to Trump as a "dotard."

No venue or date for the meeting has been determined, but Trump's prompt acceptance set off a flurry of activity. The South Korean officials who carried Kim's invitation to Washington will split up to visit the leaders of China



SOLVING A PROBLEM: A combination photo shows a Korean Central News Agency hand-out of Kim Jong Un released on May 10, 2016, and Donald Trump posing for a photo in New York City on May 17, 2016. Reuters

and Japan this week to update them on the talks, a South Korean presidential official said on Sunday.

China, North Korea's main ally, has encouraged dialogue over Pyongyang's nuclear program, and its state media on Saturday credited Beijing for helping ease tensions.

"China continues to be helpful!" Trump tweeted on Saturday.

North Korea's leaders have sought a face-to-face meeting with a U.S. president for decades, but have been rebuffed over human rights concerns as well as the nuclear ambitions.

U.S. student Otto Warmbier died last summer shortly after his release from a 17-month detention. Three Americans remain detained in North Korea.

Many Democrats as well as Trump's fellow Republicans said the United States should have demanded concessions before granting North Korea a meeting.

"Before they get that kind of prize, we should insist that they make some real changes, verifiable changes to their programs," Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Warren said she was worried North Korea would "take advantage" of Trump.

'Eyes wide open'

Pompeo and Mnuchin said the United States would make no concessions and would keep the pressure on North Korea by maintaining economic sanctions and a strong defense

posture before the meeting. They also dismissed criticism that Trump's decision to meet elevated the North Korean leader on an international stage.

"This administration has its eyes wide open, and the whole time this conversation takes place the pressure will continue to mount on North Korea," Pompeo said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The United States slapped sanctions on individuals and groups in North Korea in October 2017 over "flagrant" human rights abuses and added sanctions in February.

Six Republican senators last week sent a letter asking Trump to share his plan to keep up pressure on "this heinous regime."

One of them, Sen. Cory Gardner, told CBS on Sunday it was important to see concrete steps from North Korea before the meeting. "After this meeting, there's going to be very little left of that diplomatic runway," he said.

Mnuchin addressed criticism that Trump has not used more diplomacy to contain Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions. "So the president is going to sit down and see if he can cut a deal," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The prospect of doing something no American president has done - especially on such an intractable geopolitical problem - was irresistible to Trump, Eurasia Group President Ian Bremmer said on CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS."

"So it's the first. It's incredible television. Clearly Trump wants to make this happen," Bremmer said. "But that doesn't mean it's going to happen."

Gunman in deadly California siege was decorated veteran treated for PTSD

YOUNTVILLE, Calif. (Reuters) - Details emerged on Saturday about a decorated former U.S. serviceman who took three women hostage at a California veterans home where he had undergone treatment for PTSD, in a standoff that ended when police found him and his captives dead.

The Veterans Home of California in Yountville, the largest such facility

in the United States, was the scene on Friday of the latest mass shooting to rock a country still shocked by the slaughter last month of 17 people at a Florida high school.

Officials named the gunman as Albert Wong, 36, of Sacramento, and said he had served with the U.S. Army on active duty from May 2010 to August 2013 and spent a year in Afghanistan. He received four medals including an Afghanistan campaign medal and was awarded an Expert Marksmanship Badge with Rifle, the Pentagon said.

Wong had been a patient of Path-

way Home, a program at the Yountville complex for former service members suffering post-traumatic stress disorder after deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. The San Francisco Chronicle, citing unnamed sources, said he had been asked to leave the program two weeks ago.

Yountville Mayor John Dunbar, who also serves as a board member of the Pathway Home, said the facility and the town mourned the loss of the three women.

"We also lost one of our heroes, who clearly had demons that resulted in the terrible tragedy that

we all experienced here," he told reporters.

The incident began at about 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the sprawling facility about 60 miles north of San Francisco and ended almost eight hours later.

According to Larry Kamer, the husband of one of the Pathway Home administrators, Devereaux Smith, Wong walked into the program's building carrying a rifle during a going-away party for one of the employees.

Kamer, who volunteers at the home, said his wife told him by phone during the siege that the gunman had let her and three other women leave the room where the party was taking place, but that he kept three female employees behind as hostages.

The hostages who died were named as Pathway Home Executive Director Christine Loeber, 48; the program's clinical director, therapist Jen Golick, 42; and Jennifer Gonzales, 29, a psychologist with the San Francisco Department of Veterans

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The Chamorro Land Trust Commission Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 1:00 pm**, Department of Land Management Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the ITC Building, 590 S. Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning

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