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the vehicle that struck the two men; Joseph Edquilane, who was the registered owner of the vehicle; and Chung Kuo Insurance Co., which had issued insurance policies to Taimanglo and Edquilane.

Taimanglo fled the scene of the collision and police investigated and determined he was at fault for the incident, court documents state. He was later arrested and charged with leaving the scene of an accident with injuries, two counts of reckless driving with injuries and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

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Tenorio "reeked of alcohol" the night of the incident, according to Guam Police Department Sgt. Carl Cruz, the officer whose gun Tenorio is accused of taking.

Cruz was the first witness to take the stand but has not been asked directly about Tenorio's alcohol consumption. However, he has stated that Tenorio behaved aggressively and was horse playing. At one point, he pushed Tenorio to put some distance between them.

Tenorio reportedly took Cruz's gun and held it in front of him earlier in the evening, stating that it was "too easy," and attempted several times that night to reach the gun.

The gun holster had a retention level of two, which includes a retention button. Cruz demonstrated Monday that simply pulling the firearm will not remove it from the holster without pressing the button.

The former lieutenant governor was "in no shape or form in my chain of command to relinquish that weapon," Cruz said last week Friday, on the first day of trial.

The only person who could do so was his immediate supervisor, he added.

The firearm was also loaded.

On Aug. 31, 2017, Taimanglo pleaded guilty to two counts of reckless driving.

According to the lawsuit, the plaintiffs allege they suffered and continue to suffer severe and permanent injuries, disfigurement, physical, and mental and emotional pain and suffering totaling in excess of \$1 million per plaintiff, per injury.

The complaint states the defendants should be held liable for negligence and recklessness.

Kim and Ma have asked for a jury trial and an award of damages in excess of \$1 million each, per injury, and past and future medical damages to be proven at trial.

Attorney: Tenorio had acted with authority

Fisher maintains that Tenorio had the authority to act as he did, having the authority to oversee public safety delegated to him by the governor.

The attorney asked officers testifying Monday about chain-of-command processes and whether someone higher in the command had the authority to discipline or correct junior officials. Fisher also drew on Tenorio's background as a police officer and instructor.

Tenorio stated to media in the aftermath of the alleged incident that he saw the holstered gun was not properly secured and wanted to teach a lesson.

Officer: Lieutenant governor was treated differently

Cruz, however, did acknowledge that he treated Tenorio differently from any other individual committing the same act.

The police sergeant testified that he immediately dropped his posture after realizing that Tenorio was the one behind him and reaching for his gun.

Had it not been the lieutenant governor, Cruz said, he would have "most likely detained the individual for further investigation (and) transported him to the nearest precinct."

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General Nelson Werner wrote: "Our office is presently pursuing a criminal investigation surrounding the handling of Bernadette S. Meno's alleged work injury at the Port Authority of Guam."

Werner lists the names of the former Port employees who appealed their terminations to the CSC - Frances Arriola, Francine Rocio, Josette Javellosa, Jose Guevara, Vivian Leon, Leonora Leon Guerero, and Meno.

"As part of our ongoing investigation, we have requested, and reviewed documents related to the case (but) we anticipate that many more individuals may be questioned and investigated for potential criminal activity and prosecution," Werner said.

The Guam Daily Post obtained the letter through a Freedom of Information Act request to the commission.

A copy of the letter was sent to the attorneys representing the fired Port employees who have become known as the "Port 7."

A copy was also sent to Port legal counsel Mike Phillips.

At the time, Phillips said Monday, he was sending documentation about the allegedly fraudulent workers' compensation claim to both the attorney general and the commission.

As Port legal counsel, Phillips said, he was required to turn over all relevant documents over to the commission after the fired Port employees appealed their terminations. Six are fighting to get their jobs back, and a seventh employee who has been reinstated is seeking more than \$600,000 in back pay.

Phillips said Werner was concerned about documents being turned over to the commission, which could compromise the AG's office's ongoing investigation.

"In essence, the AG said, 'This is a criminal matter, can you stop doing that,'" Phillips said.

In his February 2013 letter to Lamorena, Werner asked "that the Civil Service Commission refrain from compelling (the Port) to disclose documents produced in response to our inquiry into these sensitive matters."

Phillips recalled meeting with Werner, who told him: "We're going to indict by Tuesday."

When asked Monday if he was sure, Phillips responded: "Absolutely, with-

out question." Philipps further quoted Werner as having said: "I'm going to indict by Tuesday."

There was no indictment. Werner "was let go, or left, shortly after," Philipps said.

Leonardo Rapadas was the attorney general at the time. He is still with the AG serving as an assistant attorney general.

'Stop ... prosecutorial misconduct'

Five days after Werner's letter to the Civil Service Commission, then Sen. Rory Respicio wrote to Rapadas, asking him to "put a stop to prosecutorial misconduct." Meno was hired to work in Respicio's office after her termination from the Port.

Respicio wrote that Werner's "rush to try and quickly secure indictments on these ... 'terminated' port employees" would make it "even more impossible for them to get a fair and impartial remedy from the CSC." And he accused Werner of "political interference." Respicio described the prosecutor's action as "a clear attempt to influence CSC members."

The Post sent an email to the AG's office to ask Rapadas what happened to Werner's investigation. No response was received as of press time.

Torres allegations

In a related development, former Calvo administration Communications Director Troy Torres said he filed what he called a criminal complaint Monday against Phillips, Tydingco, and others.

In his complaint, Torres describes a meeting with then-Gov. Eddie Calvo and other administration officials at which Phillips and then-acting Port General Manager Joanne Brown "spoke of doctored emails, (alleging attempts) to erase emails" in order to cover up the alleged fraudulent workers' compensation claim.

According to the Torres complaint, Phillips said: "They tried to cover up the crimes. That is what is serious here. It's the deliberate cover-up, not the initial crimes."

In support of what he calls the alleged "crimes" committed by Phillips and others, Torres states that the Port's investigation of the allegedly fraudulent workers' compensation claim was "full of fabricated lies against everyone involved."

The complaint also reveals behind-the-scenes concerns at the governor's office over the potential political fallout of their actions.

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College cheating scandal mastermind pleads guilty

LOS ANGELES (Los Angeles Times) - Federal prosecutors have indicted dozens of people, including actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin, in an elaborate scheme aimed at getting students into elite colleges.

In allegations that sent shock waves through academia, federal prosecutors Tuesday accused top CEOs, two Hollywood actresses and a legendary fashion designer of taking part in an audacious scheme to get their children into elite universities through fraud, bribes and lies.

The scheme, which began in 2011, centered around the owner of a for-profit Newport Beach college admissions company that wealthy parents paid to help their children cheat on college entrance exams and to falsify athletic records of students to enable them to secure admission to elite schools, including UCLA, the University of Southern California, Stanford, Yale and Georgetown, according to court records.

Largest-ever scam of its kind

Fifty people across academia and college sports as well as a cadre of super-wealthy parents have been charged in what prosecutors say is the largest college admissions scam ever prosecuted. Some parents participated in one aspect of the scheme, while others paid for both, stealing slots from hardworking students with legitimate grades and test scores, authorities said.

William Rick Singer, who owns

SINGER: William "Rick" Singer leaves Boston Federal Court after being charged with racketeering conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy, conspiracy to defraud the United States, and obstruction of justice on Tuesday in Boston, Mass. Scott Eisen/Getty Images/Tribune News Service



the admissions company called the Edge College & Career Network, was charged with money laundering, obstruction of justice, racketeering and conspiracy to defraud the United States. Singer, who cooperated with authorities in the investigation, pleaded guilty to the charges in Boston on Tuesday afternoon, according to court records.

“These parents are a catalog of wealth and privilege.”

- U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling

“These parents are a catalog of wealth and privilege,” said U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling. He said they “knowingly conspired ... to help their children cheat or buy their children admission to elite schools through fraud.”

Prosecutors allege that Singer instructed parents to donate funds to a fake charity he had established as part of the scheme. Most of the parents paid at least \$200,000, but some spent up to \$6.5 million to

guarantee their children admission to top universities, authorities said. The parents were then able to deduct the donation from their income taxes, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Scheme was fairly simple

The scheme itself was fairly simple, prosecutors said: Singer instructed parents to seek extended time for their children on ACT and SAT exams. In at least one instance, a student claimed to have a learning disability to obtain medical documentation required by the College Board and ACT Inc. to grant additional time on the tests, according to court documents.

Once the students were given additional time, which generally allowed them to take the test over two days instead of one and in an individual setting, the clients were instructed to change the location of the exam to either a public high school in Houston or a private college preparatory school in West Hollywood that Singer controlled, according to the documents.



CISSNA: Francis Cissna, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services director, speaks during a briefing at the White House in December 2017. Salwan Georges/The Washington Post


Administration prepares to close international immigration offices

By Maria Sacchetti and Nick Miroff
The Washington Post


WASHINGTON - The Trump administration is preparing to shutter all international offices of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a move that could slow the processing of family visa applications, foreign adoptions and citizenship petitions from members of the military stationed abroad.

USCIS Director Francis Cissna said in an email to staffers Tuesday that he is working to transfer those duties - now performed by employees worldwide - to domestic offices and the State Department's embassies and consulates. He wrote that if the State Department agrees, the agency would move to close its international field offices in coming months “in an effort to maximize our agency’s finite resources.”

“I believe by doing so, we will better leverage our funds to address backlogs in the United States while also leveraging existing Department of State resources at post,” he wrote.



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