

Drug charges filed against former senior aide's roommate

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Charges related to intent to deliver methamphetamine were filed against Julius Ike Aguigui Nedlic, 33, on Tuesday in Superior Court.

Nedlic is the roommate of Troy Torres, former senior aide in the Calvo-Tenorio administration. Torres was arrested but not charged, following a drug raid at a house in Latte Heights last week.



Julius Nedlic

According to the magistrate's complaint, marshals were trying to serve a bench warrant on Nedlic in connection with another case and traveled to an apartment complex in Harmon upon receiving a tip he might be there. When Nedlic emerged from a car in the parking lot of the complex and was approached by law enforcement, he allegedly fled on foot while discarding several bags in his possession in the process.

Upon apprehension, he was found to be in possession of \$2,077 in cash, approximately 2 grams of methamphetamine, 4 grams of suspected marijuana, a digital scale and a glass pipe, court documents state. Nedlic also allegedly claimed ownership of the drugs and money, but stated the car had been rented by another person, identified by a wallet left at the scene with both Nedlic and the other person's driver's license in it. Nedlic indicated he had been residing with that person at another location.

A warrant for that residence in

which Nedlic was residing was then executed and officers discovered in one bedroom another digital scale, a cut plastic straw with drug residue and plastic packaging also with residue. Another glass pipe, also with residue, was discovered in the living room.

Nedlic was officially charged with felony possession of a Schedule II controlled substance, felony possession of a Schedule II controlled substance with intent to deliver, and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

At a press conference Monday evening, Torres said his car had been repossessed a few days prior to the raid on his residence and he rented a car. He allowed Nedlic to borrow the car the day before the raid, he said.

Torres also said his roommate never returned home and that he later learned Nedlic had been arrested for allegedly possessing 2 grams of methamphetamine and for the outstanding warrant.

Torres, a former communications director and former senior policy adviser to the administration who also was working on Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr.'s gubernatorial campaign until recently, was released from jail Saturday. He was given a notice to appear in court within three years.

Torres on Monday claimed his arrest was politically motivated and that Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio, a gubernatorial candidate, wanted him out of politics. Tenorio has denied Torres' allegations.

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action," the statement noted.

The seized items continue to be held and will remain with the agency's Property and Evidence Control office until they are properly destroyed.

Responding to allegations that he lacks institutional knowledge to run the agency, Palacios defended

his "years of experience" working alongside Customs counterparts at all ports of entry and said he looks forward to working alongside veteran professionals who will help him move the agency forward.

Palacios also denied allegations that a close family relative was under investigation for drug smuggling.

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DLM director now requiring disclosure

By John O'Connor
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Department of Land Management Director Michael Borja has instructed his staff to disclose any immediate familial relationships they may have with Chamorro Land Trust Commission lease applicants through a declaration in the applicant's file.

Borja issued the instruction after learning that DLM employees and their relatives were issued land leases for highly sought lots in Barrigada Heights. In particular, Borja was unaware that the land management administrator's daughter was approved for a lease.

"I want a declaration in every folder," Borja said. "It's too late to do anything with the lease. ... But I want that employee to make that declaration so that if I or a future director is looking at the folder to sign, he can see this."

A few DLM employees or their relatives were approved for leases at Barrigada Heights. This includes the director himself, as his sister, Catherine Borja, was one of the applicants approved.

"You've seen the evidence; I haven't

withheld anything. But neither is my sister unqualified nor are any of those other folks unqualified," Borja said.

The lease for Catherine Borja shows that Michael Borja was given power of attorney by his sister and that he signed the agreement both as the director and in his sister's stead in April 2017.

The director said there was "probably not" any regulation or standard that would have prevented him from signing the lease but he would refrain from signing leases for his relatives in the future.

"Could I have done better? Absolutely. I don't think I did anything wrong. I had full declaration in everything I did. Was my judgement skewed? ... Like I said, if I don't learn this lesson and take it and improve upon it, I'm just shoving it under the rug and ignoring it, and this is not something we shove under the rug," Borja said.

Concern over development in Barrigada Heights and reports of DLM employees or relatives obtaining leases prompted Sen. Frank Aguon Jr., a gubernatorial candidate, to request an oversight hearing on DLM from Sen. Tom Ada, who oversees land matters.

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doesn't want me," said Torres, who suggested that his work on Rodriguez's gubernatorial campaign was a threat to Tenorio's own gubernatorial campaign, leading to his arrest.

"I don't micromanage public safety, I don't direct investigations," said Tenorio. "It has nothing to do with politics. Absolutely, categorically, absolutely zero to do with politics."

Puppy statement confirmed

"One thing that he did say that was accurate - I called him a couple of weeks ago and asked for a puppy," Tenorio said.

Torres was released Saturday and told to appear in court within three years. He has not been charged.

Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson could not comment directly about the Torres case but said a notice to appear is routinely given to suspects "when the prosecution division needs additional time to review the probable cause to be able to charge a case, to make sure that when we charge, we charge with sufficient evidence."

In felony cases, a notice to appear is three years; in misdemeanor cases, it's one year.

A notice to appear does not mean the charges have been dropped, Barrett-Anderson said, and the allegations may still be brought before a magistrate judge to be charged within the next three years, if sufficient evidence develops.

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Regular Session Meeting,
Friday, May 4, 2018 at 12:00 PM

at the Teraje Professional Building, 194
Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209
Health Professional Licensing Office Board
Conference Room, Hagatna, Guam.

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Wednesday, May 9, 2018
at 4:00 PM

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Tamuning, Guam.

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