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First murder trial begins in Alvarez case

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A-Last Amanto Simiron

"Keep on, keep on, keep on," Assistant Attorney General Sean Brown said as he opened the prosecution's case against A-Last Amanto Simiron, one of two men accused in the February 2017 murder of Gilbert Alvarez Jr.

"These words are very important," Brown said as he addressed the jury Tuesday in the Superior Court of Guam.

They are "the words used by the defendant, A-Last Amanto Simiron, when he instructed his friend, Mallo Sally ... to hit Gilbert Alvarez Jr. in the face and head with a metal pipe."

Brown accused Simiron of holding Alvarez in a choke hold while Sally beat the victim, adding they left Alvarez "face down in a puddle of his own blood on the side of the street at nighttime."

Simiron and Sally are facing charges of aggravated murder. Simiron's case

is the first to go to trial.

First on the stand Tuesday afternoon was Guam police detective Jeremiah De Chavez, who testified that he obtained a written confession from Simiron. He said the defendant also agreed to a videotaped re-enactment of the crime.

"What happened to Gilbert Alvarez was a tragic loss of human life," Brown said. "Now it's time for justice."

Alvarez was 43 years old when he agreed to give Simiron and Sally a ride in his pickup from the Mangilao baseball field in the early morning hours of Feb. 24.

Alvarez was found unconscious, lying face down on the ground on President's Lane near the University of Guam. He was later pronounced dead at Naval Hospital Guam. His pickup truck was found later in Yigo, crashed into the jungle.

Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola concluded Alvarez died from a skull fracture.

Simiron's defense attorney, James Spivey, reserved his opening statement until the close of the government's case.

The trial resumes today in the courtroom of Judge Maria Cenzon.

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filing jointly."

The tax return for Aguon and his wife, Jennifer Aguon, shows their combined taxable income was \$133,224, with taxable interest of \$613 in interest and dividends from Coast 360, Bank of Guam and the CFCU.

The return shows an \$8,082 loss on Line 17 for rental real estate, royalties and partnerships, along with \$12,700 in itemized deductions on Line 40 for a taxable income of \$104,955.

The Aguons paid \$17,716 in taxes to the Department of Revenue and Taxation in 2017.

It has been customary for U.S. presidential candidates to disclose their tax returns, with the exception of President Donald Trump's refusal to disclose his in the 2016 election. However, it hasn't been a practice here on Guam.



TENORIO: Gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio answers questions during a Guam Visitors Bureau gubernatorial forum held Tuesday at the Lotte Hotel Guam in Tumon. David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

Aguon, in the press release accompanying his tax return, stated, "This level of disclosure is a valuable measure of character. ... The people of Guam deserve to know if their future governor is making decisions in order to advance the best interests of Guam's people or if their interests

are self-serving."

The decision by both candidates to release their returns is in line with their efforts in recent forums and campaign ads, to draw a class distinction between themselves and Leon Guerrero, the perceived gubernatorial front-runner.

ELECTION '18

UOG polls show Leon Guerrero in the lead

Two phone surveys conducted by students in a data analysis class at the University of Guam showed Democratic gubernatorial candidate Lou Leon Guerrero pulling ahead of the pack.

The first survey, conducted Oct. 12, showed Leon Guerrero was the choice of 158 respondents, followed by Republican Ray Tenorio with 85, and "other" with 13. About 280 residents were surveyed.

A week later, after the Oct. 13 announcement that Sen. Frank Aguon Jr. would run with Alicia Limtiaco as a write-in team, Leon Guerrero still kept the lead with 137 survey respondents favoring her. Tenorio trailed further with 77, and "write-in" received the support of 24 of the surveyed residents.

The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percent.

The students' surveys were led by Patrick Pocaigue, said their professor, Ron McNinch.

With two weeks before the election, McNinch said there's no guarantee the outcome will be the same during Election Day.

He said past elections have shown what's called "the curse of the frontrunner." That means a frontrunner and his or her supporters get too confident too soon, he said.

This survey has been conducted under his guidance for 22 years.

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• Military personnel and Department of Defense employees and students at DODEA schools are to report at normal hours to receive further guidance.

Yutu was moving west-northwest at 12 mph Tuesday evening and is expected to speed through today.

This track now brings Yutu south of Tinian by early Thursday morning, the

NWS stated. The previous forecast predicted the typhoon would move north of Saipan.

A typhoon warning is now in effect for Rota and a tropical storm warning is now in effect for Guam.

Typhoon warnings remain in effect for Tinian and Saipan.

Typhoon conditions are expected Wednesday night through Thursday morning on Tinian and Saipan.

Tropical storm conditions are

expected for Rota on Wednesday afternoon through Thursday.

As of Tuesday evening, Yutu's maximum sustained winds increased to 85 mph.

Typhoon-force winds extend outward up to 60 miles from the center.

Tropical storm-force winds extend outward up to 200 miles from the center to the northeast and up to 155 miles elsewhere, the NWS stated.

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GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

The Guam Election Commission has scheduled a monthly meeting for **Monday, October 29, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Guam Election Commission Training Room 300, 414 W. Soledad Ave., GCIC Building, Hagåtña, Guam.

The public is invited. For individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services please contact the Guam Election Commission. For more information, you may call Helen M. Atalig at (671) 477-9791 or send an email to vote@gec.guam.gov.

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GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

RESCHEDULED

Regular Board Meeting,
Wednesday, October 31, 2018
at 4:00 PM

at the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority,
Board Conference Room, 850 Carlos G.
Camacho Road, Tamuning, 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 if necessary.

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on Guam while his suspension by USA Table Tennis for alleged sexual misconduct stands. The suspension is for a case involving an adult, but no other details were available. USA Table Tennis is the nonprofit governing body for table tennis in the United States.

Hours after the Post reached out to the Guam Table Tennis Federation on Sunday, the organization decided to hold off on its association with Hyatt.

"We had instructed Hyatt if the allegations were untrue to immediately return stateside to resolve the issue," Narci Ji, the Guam Table Tennis Federation secretary-general, said in a written statement.

"Upon clearance, he is welcome back to GTTF. Meanwhile, GTTF will not endorse the efforts of Hyatt, nor is (he) allowed to use the GTTF name (or) logo," Ji stated. "We wish Michael

the best of luck and we have no further comments."

Olympic experience

The 48-year-old former Olympian represented Jamaica in table tennis in the 1992 Barcelona Games and the 1996 Atlanta Games. Hyatt remains suspended from playing in USA Table Tennis tournaments until Sept. 1, 2019, and isn't eligible to coach until Sept. 1, 2021.

"He was suspended on the 30th of August, 2016, and he was suspended by a hearing panel because of certain allegations that were made under our SafeSport policy," said USA Table Tennis CEO Gordon Kaye. "The results of the hearing panel are not public," Kaye said, but did confirm "it was a violation of our SafeSport policy for sexual misconduct not involving a minor."

The sexual misconduct complaint was handled by USA Table Tennis rather than by law enforcement

authorities.

"At the request of the complainant, the matter was handled as an internal USATT matter, under our SafeSport policy," said Kaye, who also is the organization's secretary-general.

"The hearing panel determined the length of the suspension, and the cause of the suspension," Kaye said. Kaye holds the additional role of being the North America president for the International Table Tennis Federation.

Hyatt denied sexual misconduct was the reason for his suspension by the table tennis governing body.

"That's a nonissue," Hyatt said. "There is nothing true. There is an issue I had with the president of the USA Table Tennis about some sponsorship money I secured for them two or three years ago, that they didn't acknowledge that I helped them with. I was set up. When I approached him about the money, and they didn't comply, they suspended me."

"There is no sexual misconduct involving an adult," he added.

Training events

Hyatt first came to Guam for a table tennis training camp in 2015 but returned to California.

In September 2018, he came back to Guam, this time to stay, he said, after obtaining a Guam driver's license.

Since the Guam Table Tennis Federation hired Hyatt, the former Olympian had been out in the community, holding training events at the Agana Shopping Center and for certain schools.

His entry into Guam's close-knit community came with big promises, including that he would prepare someone to be a table tennis Olympian.

"Between now and then, I am going to produce players and get them ... to the level where they can qualify for the Olympics," Hyatt said. "We're going to go there (the Olympics) and create history."

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service, and repairs are being made to the tower's communications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has limited incoming international flights to a maximum of six a day since Oct. 28.

Inbound flights are limited to returning residents and humanitarian personnel. Passengers must communicate with the airlines directly for flight details and arrangements.

Airport operations are manually processed because a significant

amount of equipment was damaged.

Passenger and baggage clearance will be manually screened. The Transportation Security Administration's checkpoint area has only one operable screening machine. All air-conditioning units were damaged.

All passenger loading bridges are out of service so two portable stairs will be used. The stairs are limited in reach and can be used only on certain aircraft. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has been asked for assistance in bringing in additional stairs.

Tinian ports

The port of Tinian is open for daylight operations only.

At the Tinian International Airport, only military and humanitarian aid operations are allowed.

Rota

The airport and seaport on Rota are open. They suffered minimal damage.

Tourists

The first 150 of more than 3,200 stranded tourists were flown out on Saturday. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government has been in touch with several commercial carriers to arrange for the remaining tourists to be flown back to their countries of origin.

It's hoped that all remaining tourists will have been evacuated by Monday,


according to the recovery update.

GovGuam relief drive

On Friday, a boot drive sponsored by the government of Guam raised \$28,945.88 for Saipan and Tinian.


The Guam Police Department, the Port Authority Police, the Guam Fire Department, the Guam National Guard, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Youth Affairs, the Guam International Airport Police, Guam Customs, and the Guam International Airport Authority Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Unit participated.

GFD and Guam Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense continue to accept donations for the CNMI relief effort. Accepted items include batteries, canned goods, flashlights, tape, tarps and tools.



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Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) is soliciting a proposal from a Registered Professional Consultant for the design of a Residential Treatment Center for Women in Tiyan.

Interested firms may obtain copies of the RFQ at the GHURA main Office. Original and four copies of proposals containing Qualification Statements will be accepted until 2:00PM. (Guam Standard Time) Monday, November 12, 2018 at the GHURA Main Office, Sinajana, Guam.

GHURA hereby notifies all firms that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, gender, or disability, or national origin.

GHURA reserves the right to waive minor informalities, cancel this solicitation at any time and reject any and all bids. For more information please call the A/E Department Albert Santos email alsantos1@ghura.org at 475-1404 or visit the GHURA website: www.ghura.org.

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The Guam Ancestral Lands Commission Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 2:00 pm**, Department of Land Management conference room, 3rd Floor of the ITC Building 590 S. Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning. The agenda can be viewed at the following link:

<http://dlm.guam.gov/announcements-2/>

Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services, may call 649-5263 ext. 400.

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