



IN COURT: Melissa Iosimichiy Fuppul listens as her attorney Curtis Vandeveld addresses the courtroom of Judge Vermy Peirez on June 21 in Hagåtña. David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

Attorney for woman in baby murder wants forensic expert

By Lannie Walker
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The attorney representing a woman accused of murdering her newborn daughter in May said he will request a forensic expert be allowed to testify in the trial. Melissa Iosimichiy Fuppul, 23, appeared in court Monday with her legal counsel, Curtis Vandeveld. Fuppul and her boyfriend brought the infant to Guam Regional Medical City in a plastic bag approximately an hour after the birth. The baby died at the hospital after medical staff were unable to revive her.

In June, Fuppul pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, manslaughter, child abuse and family violence, and was placed under house arrest. According to court documents, the newborn had suffocated. Vandeveld told The Guam Daily Post on Monday, "The indication I received was the child was lifeless in the thought of my client at the time of her birth." Vandeveld said he will be filing a motion to appoint a forensic expert to testify on the cause of death and time of death of the infant. "That process is going to take some time to resolve," he said.

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- Attorney Curtis Vandeveld, legal counsel for Melissa Iosimichiy Fuppul

The next hearing on the case is scheduled for January.

46-year-old man denies groping girl, 17

Joseph Alan Benavente De Jesus, 46, was arrested Saturday for allegedly touching a female minor as the two passed one another at a store.

Police received information on a harassment complaint Nov. 20 following an incident at Kmart. The 17-year-old victim reported that De Jesus touched the left side of her buttocks as she was passing through the Little Caesar's Pizza section of the Kmart entrance.



Joseph Alan Benavente De Jesus

The victim told police De Jesus had "sandwiched" her between the shelves and the carts he was moving and, after bumping the victim and touching her buttocks, he allegedly continued to smile at her before walking away. She immediately filed a complaint at the customer service desk and stated she felt disgusted and violated, court documents state.

Police reviewed surveillance footage from the store but the interaction between the two was not shown. When interviewed by police, De Jesus allegedly told officers he had bumped into the victim and his left shoulder collided with her, and that his hand "accidentally touched her butt." He said he may have touched the girl because they were "both in a hurry and walking too fast."

De Jesus was charged with fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. (Daily Post Staff)

Man accused of inappropriately touching mother, teen girl

Charged
Billy Ichiro, 29, was charged with fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.



A 29-year-old man was arrested at Kmart on Saturday accused of inappropriately touching people inside the store. Police arrived at Kmart and received a complaint for removal after a man allegedly had inappropriately touched a woman and her

13-year-old daughter. The woman told police that after paying for her items, a male individual approached her daughter and touched her on her right upper thigh, close to her private parts. The girl then called out for her mom. The woman told police the same

male individual approached her and touched her private parts and then laughed at her, court documents state. The man was identified as Billy Ichiro. He was arrested and charged with fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. (Daily Post Staff)

GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
Regular Board Meeting,
Thursday, December 6, 2018
at 11:00 AM
at the Terlaje Professional Building,
194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor,
Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing
Office Board Conference Room,
Hagåtña, Guam.
For more information please contact the Board Office at 735-7405 thru 12. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call Jimmy Stan at 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the Hearing/Speech Impaired (TDD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called if necessary.

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Regular Board Meeting,
Wednesday, December 12, 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 Stan at 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the Hearing/Speech Impaired (TDD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called if necessary.

Sen. Thomas Ada
Committee on Appropriations & Adjudication
Public Hearing Notice
Thursday, December 6, 2018
Public Hearing Room, 1 Liheslaturan Gushan

AGENDA

Bill No. 374-34 (COR) - Thomas C. Ada - An act to amend § 24103 of Chapter 24, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, relative to clarifying the additional tax levy on real property improvements valued at one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more.

Bill No. 381-34 (LS) - Thomas C. Ada - An act to amend Section 8, Chapter XI, of Public Law 34-116 and to appropriate two hundred ninety-eight thousand five hundred thirty-six dollars (\$298,536) from the general fund to the Guam Election Commission, relative to paying expenditures related to the 2018 Primary and General Elections.

For more information: PH: 671-477-2520 | Email: cpaa.staff@guamlegislature.org
Website: www.guamlegislature.com

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Backpack theft leads to drug bust

Police found methamphetamine, morphine and other drugs in the vehicle of a man who grabbed a backpack from a friend's car parked in a grocery store parking lot early Saturday, a document filed as part of a criminal complaint in the Superior Court of Guam states.

Harry George Cook Cruz, 26, faces charges of possession of a Schedule II drug, theft, and driving while impaired. Cruz told police he had taken a prescription pill that he doesn't have a doctor's prescription for, the court document states.

On Saturday, police responded to a complaint around 4:23 a.m. in Barrigada. A woman stated she was with a friend at the parking lot of the San Jose Supermarket in Maitte. There, they met up with other friends, including the man later identified as the suspect.

While the woman was talking to one of her friends, a witness allegedly saw Cruz hiding something under his shirt and jumping into a truck that drove off to Barrigada.

When the woman checked the back seat of her car, she noticed her small leather backpack was missing. The backpack contained her passport, driver's license, and about \$200 cash, the victim told police.

The victim and her other friends tried to follow the truck.

After police received the complaint, the suspect was spotted on the road and stopped. The suspect had bloodshot, watery eyes, but he did not smell of alcohol, the court document states.

When interviewed, Cruz admitted to taking the victim's bag because she had taken his belongings previously, the court document states. He also admitted to taking an Alprazolam pill, commonly known as Xanax, earlier that day, and that he did not have a prescription for any of the drugs found in the truck, including morphine, that he had received pills the previous day from a known prescription drug case defendant, the court document states.

(Daily Post Staff)



Harry George Cook Cruz

Apparent road rage incident caught on camera

Guam police are investigating an apparent road rage incident on Saturday night that began on San Vitores Road in Tumon and ended with an attack on a husband and wife at a gas station in Upper Tumon.

Guam Police Department spokesman Sgt. Paul Tapao confirmed that a couple reported being attacked.

A reader-contributed cellphone video shows part of what appears to be the first half of the incident in front of Guma Trankilidat.

Two cars are stopped, each in different lanes, along the south-bound side of San Vitores Road.

The trunk of the white Toyota sedan in front has popped open. The driver is seen walking back to the other vehicle and extending his arm toward the driver who ducks down behind his door as he was exiting his white Scion.

The driver of the Toyota then retreats to his car, and puts it into reverse.

The two men in the Scion are seen chasing after him on foot.

The Toyota driver then accelerates forward, passing the two men pursuing him, and he turns left onto Route 14A up toward John F. Kennedy High School.

Go online
See the video at PostGuam.com

A second video captures the second part of the incident.

It was taken by a surveillance camera at the Mobil station in Upper Tumon between Triple J Motors and Kmart.

The video shows the same two men from the Scion running from the Triple J into the Mobil gas station's parking lot. The couple, with their backs to the attackers, are seen standing next to a gas station attendant in front of their Toyota, the lights of their car still on.

One of the attackers can be seen firing an object from what appears to be a slingshot at their backs.

The attendant and the couple are then seen ducking and running away from the two attackers who chase after them.

GPD's Tapao confirmed that police responded to the scene, spoke to the couple, and reviewed the video. He said an investigation is underway.

No further details were available. (Daily Post Staff)

SBA offers disaster loans to businesses, residents

Low-interest federal disaster loans are being offered to Guam businesses and residents affected by Typhoon Mangkhut.

In a news release, the U.S. Small Business Administration said it acted under its own authority to declare a disaster following the denial of Guam's request for a major disaster declaration for individual assistance Nov. 30.

The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available on Guam, which experienced Mangkhut from Sept. 10 to 11.

"Low-interest federal disaster loans are available to businesses of all sizes, most private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters whose property was damaged or destroyed by this disaster," said Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

"Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 11, SBA representatives will be on hand at

the following Disaster Loan Outreach Center to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application," Garfield stated.

The Disaster Loan Outreach Center will be in the Astumbo Gym at 255 Chalan Hachon in Dededo. It will open at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Its hours of operation will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays until further notice. No appointment is necessary.

"Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets," the release stated.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers economic injury disaster loans.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Applicants may find more information, apply online and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants also may call the Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call 800-877-8339.

Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for property damage is Feb. 5, 2019. The deadline to apply for economic injury is Sept. 9, 2019. (Daily Post Staff)

GUAHAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Notice of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of GUAHAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2018
Time: 3:30 P.M.
Place: Tiyan Main Campus

Individuals requiring special accommodations or services should submit their request to the Board Liaison at 483-3044 or email at info.gacsbot@gmail.com

/s/
Fe Valencia-Ovalles
 Chairwoman, Board of Trustees

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