

Feds want meth dealer to get 25 years

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Federal prosecutors want a convicted methamphetamine dealer to spend 25 years in the U.S. Bureau of Prison for his crime.

James Rumbaua Damaso, 53, who was found guilty of having 139.1 grams of meth on him when federal agents pulled him over back in 2019, is scheduled to be sentenced before District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood today.

He is convicted of possession of 50 or more grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride with intent to distribute.

The U.S. Attorney's Office seeks a 25-year prison term followed by 10 years of supervised release.

Defense attorney William Gavras asked the court for a sentence of 15 years.

Gavras noted in court documents that Damaso will be in his late 70s even if the court sentences him to the minimum range of 282 months in prison.

"Before he reaches 77, Mr. Damaso will either be dead or well past the age of criminality," said Gavras in his sentencing memorandum filed in court. "Unlike stateside inmates, Mr. Damaso will do his time isolated from



James Rumbaua Damaso

his family. His father and his three children live in Guam. They will likely remain thousands of miles from him throughout the incarceration and perhaps for the rest of his life. His ex-wife describes him as a 'good person' who has a close relationship with his three children."

Smuggle drugs

Damaso was accused of working with Jeffrey Baldonado to smuggle drugs into Guam through the mail.

Baldonado has since taken a plea deal with the government, admitting to attempted possession of metham-

phetamine hydrochloride with intent to distribute.

In 2019, investigators intercepted a package containing 1,800 grams of meth addressed to Baldonado in Latte Heights, Mangilao. The drugs were replaced with sham and agents inserted a GPS tracking device inside, court documents state.

Authorities tracked the package to a residence in Dededo.

Baldonado told the feds that Damaso told him to "take it and get rid of it" after being given one of the four bags of sham, documents state.

Damaso also was convicted of separate federal drug charges in 2009, Post files state.

Autopsies scheduled for men shot dead in Yigo

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The autopsies for the two men who were found dead at a ranch in Yigo last month are tentatively set to be performed this weekend.

The Office of the Attorney General has been working to secure a medical examiner from off-island to conduct the examinations.

No arrests or new details have been released from Guam police detectives this week.

On July 22, Dong Yi Wang, 43, and Ba-hung Dung Nguyen, 24, were found with gunshot wounds at a farm area along Chalan Arendo in Yigo.

Authorities said they found a fire-arm at the scene.

Criminal investigators said the search for a person of interest is ongoing.

► **CRIME SCENE:** Police tape is seen at the entrance of a farm along Chalan Arendo in Yigo. Officers responded to a reported shooting July 22 and found two men dead at the scene. Nick Delgado/The Guam Daily Post



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- I. Call to order
 - A. Confirmation of Public Notice
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes
 - A. July 07, 2022.
- V. HPLA Administrator's Report
- VI. Chairperson's Report
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - A. Finance & Budget
 - B. Statutes, Rules and Forms
- VIII. Old Business:
 - A. Complaint: GBSW-CO-2022-001
 - B. Consideration of Applications for Renewal of Licensure
- IX. Announcement(s):
 - A. Next Meeting: The Guam Board of Social Work next regularly scheduled board meeting, September 01, 2022 at 11:00AM.
- X. Adjournment:

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