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TEN INDICTED IN CNMI FEDERAL COURT

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, announced that the federal grand jury for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, indicted ten (10) individuals on Friday, August 24, 2012, in Saipan, CNMI. The following lists the names, ages, charges, and arraignment date:

Mariano Quituqua FALIG, Jr. (age 34)

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Distribution of Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Using, Carrying, or Possession of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence
Or Drug Trafficking Crime (1 Count)
Arraignment date/time: 9/05/12 at 10:00 a.m.

Vicente Aldan SABLAN aka "Ben Seven" (age 43)

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Distribution of Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Using, Carrying, or Possession of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence
Or Drug Trafficking Crime (1 Count)
Arraignment date/time: 9/05/12 at 10:00 a.m.

Perry Magofna IGUEL (age 31)

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Distribution of Methamphetamine (2 Counts)
Arraignment date/time: 9/05/12 at 3:30 p.m.

Xiang Rong LI (age 34)

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Distribution of Methamphetamine (4 Counts)
Arraignment date/time: 9/04/12 at 9 a.m.

Jesse Reyes BABAUTA (age 35)

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Distribution of Methamphetamine (4 Counts)
Distribution of Methamphetamine in or Near School (1 Count)
Using, Carrying, or Possession of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence
Or Drug Trafficking Crime (1 Count)
Possession of a Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number (1 Count)
Arraignment date/time: 8/31/12 at 9 a.m.

Delbert Reyes SABLAN (age 47)

Felon in Possession of a Firearm (2 Counts)
Felon in Possession of Ammunition (1 Count)
Arraignment date/time: 8/31/12 at 9 a.m.

Robin Norita SABLAN (age 34)

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Distribution of Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Arraignment date/time: 9/05/12 at 1:30 p.m.

Ofelia Pua SABLAN (age 38)

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Arraignment date/time: 9/05/12 at 1:30 p.m.

Leonard Urumelog ORDONEZ (age 43)

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Arraignment date/time: 9/05/12 at 1:30 p.m.

Jordan Mendiola REYES (age 24)

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine (1 Count)
Distribution of Methamphetamine (2 Counts)
Arraignment date/time: 8/31/12 at 1:30 p.m.

These individuals were arrested on Wednesday, August 22 – nine in Saipan and one in Washington state. The arrests culminates a two-year investigation by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) involving federal agents and local law enforcement officers of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); CNMI Department of Public Safety and CNMI Department of Finance-Division of Customs. Assistance in the OCDETF operation was provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Coast Guard-Criminal Investigative Section, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the U.S. Marshal's Service, and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI).

“We commend the hard work of our federal and local law enforcement – ATF, DEA, CNMI DPS, CNMI Customs and our fellow investigative agencies, in this OCDETF operation, as this was a collaborative and cooperative effort among all law enforcement. We are committed to protecting our community against drug trafficking, and prosecuting and holding accountable those involved,” said U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco.

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clyde Lemons and Assistant U.S. Attorney Ross Naughton.

The public is reminded that an indictment contains only allegations and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
